



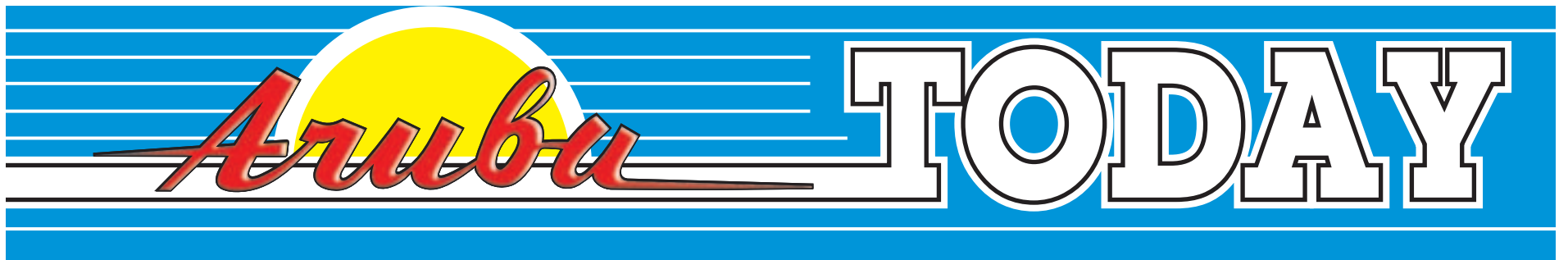
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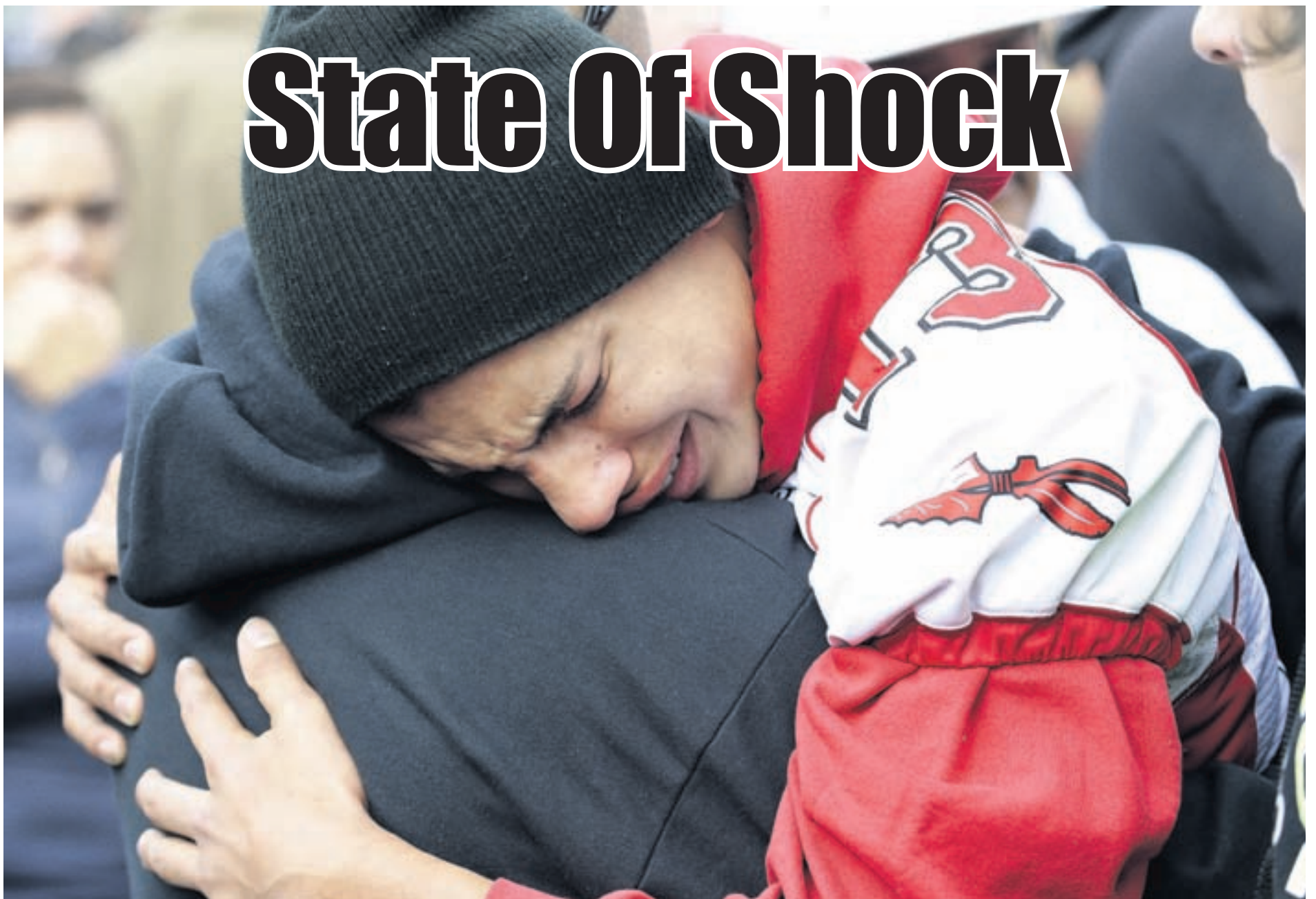


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A student wearing a Marysville Pilchuck football jersey is comforted at a church Friday, Oct. 24, 2014, where students were taken to reunite with parents following a shooting at Marysville Pilchuck High School in Marysville, Wash.

(AP Photo/Ted S. Warren)

At Press Time:

2 Dead, Including Gunman, In School Attack

DOUG ESSER
Associated Press

MARYSVILLE, Washington
(AP) — A student opened fire Friday in a high school cafeteria north of Seattle, killing at least one person and shooting several oth-

ers in the head before killing himself, officials said. Students in the cafeteria said the gunman stared at the students as he shot them. They described a chaotic scene at Marysville Pilchuck High School, as

panicked students ran for safety. The shooter was a student at the school 30 miles (50 kilometers) north of Seattle, but Marysville Police Commander Robb Lamoureux said he could not provide

more information on the gunman or his motive. Lamoureux said the shooter died of a self-inflicted wound. Student Alan Perez told KING-TV he was eating his lunch near the gunman

when he heard the shots. "He had a little gun in his hand. I saw the flash from the muzzle," Perez said.

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New York, New Jersey announce Ebola quarantines

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Alarmed by the case of an Ebola-infected New York doctor, the governors of New Jersey and New York on Friday ordered a mandatory, 21-day quarantine for all medical workers and other arriving travelers who have had contact with victims of the deadly disease in West Africa.

The move came after a New York City physician who returned to the U.S. a week ago from treating Ebola patients in Guinea fell ill with the virus. Many New Yorkers were dismayed to learn that after he came home, Dr. Craig Spencer rode the subway, took a cab, went bowling, visited a coffee shop and ate at a restaurant in the city of 8 million.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said the case led them to conclude that the two states need precautions more rigorous than those of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which recommends monitoring of exposed people for 21 days but doesn't require quarantine, in which they are kept away from others. "It's too serious a situation to leave it to the honor system of compliance," Cuomo said.

Those who are forcibly quarantined will be confined either to their homes or, if they live in other states, to some other place, most likely a medical facility, the governors said. Those quarantined at home will

receive house calls from health officials. Twenty-one days is the incubation period for the Ebola virus.

Dr. Howard Zucker, acting New York state health commissioner, said any medical personnel who have treat-

mo said "we're not talking about a tremendous volume of people coming in from these areas," and added that there are no plans to hire more screeners at airports.

The two states are home to

tional guidelines in checking his temperature every day and watching for symptoms, and that he put no one at risk. But others said he should have been quarantined — either voluntarily or by the govern-

that mandatory quarantines are unnecessary because people with Ebola aren't contagious until symptoms begin, and even then it requires close contact with body fluids.

Also, aid organizations have warned that many health care volunteers wouldn't go to Ebola hot zones if they knew they would be confined to their homes for three weeks after they got back.

Spencer, a 33-year-old emergency room doctor, returned from Guinea on Oct. 17 and sought treatment Thursday after suffering diarrhea and a 100.3-degrees Fahrenheit (37.94-Celsius) fever. He was listed in stable condition at a special isolation unit at Bellevue Hospital Center, and a decontamination company was sent to his Harlem home.

His fiancée, who was not showing symptoms, was being watched in a quarantine ward at Bellevue. Cuomo, too, was critical of Spencer, saying he did "great work" as a volunteer, but adding: "He's a doctor and even he didn't follow the voluntary quarantine. Let's be honest."

Nearly 4,900 people have died in the Ebola outbreak, most of them in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

In other developments: — One of the two Dallas nurses who caught Ebola from a patient was declared virus-free and released from a hospital in Bethesda, Maryland. Nina Pham, 26, said she felt "fortunate and blessed to be standing here today." □



From left: New York State Department of Health Acting Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and Christie's Chief Counsel Chris Porino at a news conference in New York, Oct. 24, 2014. Following a diagnosis of Ebola in New York, the governors announced Friday afternoon that they were ordering the quarantine of all people entering the U.S. through airports in the New York City area who had contact with Ebola patients in Sierra Leone, Liberia or Guinea.

(Katie Orlinsky/ The New York Times)

ed Ebola patients in the three Ebola-ravaged West African countries — Sierra Leone, Guinea and Liberia — will be automatically quarantined.

Cuomo said anyone arriving from the three countries will be questioned at the airport about their contact with Ebola patients.

The two governors gave no estimate of how many travelers would be subject to quarantine, but Cu-

o said Kennedy Airport and New York Liberty in New Jersey, both major international portals.

Spencer's illness led members of Congress, scientists and ordinary New Yorkers to wonder why he was out on the town after his return from West Africa — and why stronger steps weren't being taken to quarantine medical workers.

Health officials said that he followed U.S. and interna-

ment — during the incubation period.

An automatic three-week quarantine makes sense for anyone "with a clear exposure" to Ebola, said Dr. Richard Wenzel, a Virginia Commonwealth University scientist who formerly led the International Society for Infectious Diseases.

Aid organizations such as Doctors Without Borders, the group Spencer was working for, have argued



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Remains belong to missing UVA student Graham

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Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Virginia (AP) —

Remains found nearly a week ago in a rural area of Virginia are those of a British-born university student who disappeared last month, authorities said Friday, ending a search by thousands that took weeks and left the campus and community on edge.

University of Virginia second-year student Hannah Graham, 18, disappeared Sept. 13 after a night out with friends. The remains were found Oct. 18 about 12 miles (19 kilometers) from the Charlottesville campus, in a heavily wooded area of Albemarle County that is home to rolling hills and horse farms.

The state Medical Examiner's office confirmed that the remains were Graham's, the Albemarle County Police Department said in a statement.

The man Graham was last seen with, 32-year-old Jesse Leroy Matthew Jr., has been charged with abduction with intent to defile Graham. His attorney, Jim Camblos, said in a voice-mail greeting that he is not answering questions about the case.

The remains were discovered roughly 6 miles (9.6 kilometers) from where the

body of 20-year-old Virginia Tech student Morgan Harrington was found after she vanished in 2009. Police have said forensic evidence connects Matthew to Harrington's killing, which

for a happier ending. Sadly that was not to be," Graham's parents, John and Sue Graham, said in a statement provided by the police department.

"We are devastated by the

with the investigation and search efforts — singling out Charlottesville Police Chief Tim Longo for his "tenacity and determination — as well as those who have sent messages of support.

pleas for the public's help finding Graham, did not immediately respond to a telephone call seeking comment.

Albemarle County Commonwealth's Attorney De-



Law enforcement investigators continue to search for evidence where human remains were recently discovered in Albemarle County, Va. The remains are those of British-born university student Hannah Graham, who disappeared last month, authorities said Friday, ending a search by thousands that took weeks and left the campus and community on edge.

(AP Photo/The Daily Progress, Andrew Shurtleff)

in turn is linked by DNA to a 2005 sexual assault in northern Virginia. Matthew has been charged in the 2005 case.

"When we started this journey together we all hoped

loss of our beautiful daughter. ... Although we have lost our precious Hannah, the light she radiated can never be extinguished."

Graham's parents also thanked those involved

They said they don't intend to make further statements or comment on the ongoing criminal investigation.

Longo, who became the public face of the investigation through emotional

nise Lunsford said in a statement that the focus of the investigation now is to determine "what charges will be brought and the appropriate time to make those charges."

Car hits Commandments statue, US man detained

SEAN MURPHY

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) —

Authorities took a man into custody Friday after they say he admitted driving a car onto Oklahoma's state Capitol grounds overnight and into a disputed granite monument of the Ten Commandments, smashing it to pieces.

The man was detained after he showed up at a federal building in Oklahoma City Friday morning, rambling and making derogatory statements about the president, and admitted

destroying the monument, said David Allison, an agent with the U.S. Secret Service in Oklahoma City.

"He claimed he got out of his car, urinated on the monument, and then ran over it and destroyed it," Allison said. "He said Satan told him to do it, and that he was a Satanist."

The man was turned over to the Oklahoma Highway Patrol for questioning, Allison said. A spokesman for the patrol didn't immediately return a phone call seeking information about the man.

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Another student, Austin Taylor, told the station the shooter "was just staring down every one of his victims as he shot them."

Cedar Parker, a 17-year-old senior, told The Associated Press he was driving away from campus for lunch when he saw students running and trying to jump a fence. Parker let several into his car. He heard other students yelling for their friends: "Where are you?"

Brian Patrick said his daughter, a freshman, was in the cafeteria 10 feet (3 meters) from the gunman when the shooting occurred. She ran from the cafeteria and immediately called her mother.

Patrick said his daughter told him, "The guy walked



Students are evacuated from Marysville-Pilchuck High School and loaded into school buses on 108th Street NE in Marysville following a shooting that occurred at the school on Friday, Oct. 24, 2014.

(AP Photo / The Herald, Ian Terry)

into the cafeteria, pulled out a gun and started

shooting. No arguing, no yelling."

His other daughter, a senior at the school, called him

'hysterical' from her classroom, Patrick said.

"I thought, 'God let my kids be safe,'" he said.

Four students were taken to Providence Everett medical center, said hospital spokeswoman Heidi Amrine. Three were in "very critical" condition. It was not immediately clear if the person who died was one of those students.

Harborview Medical Center in Seattle said it received a 14-year-old male student, who was listed in serious condition.

After the attack, a crowd of parents waited in a parking lot outside a nearby church where they were being reunited with their children. Buses pulled up periodically to drop off students evacuated from the school, with some running to hug their mothers or fathers. □

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Suspect arrested in death of 2 California deputies

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, California
(AP) — A suspect was arrested Friday afternoon

after two sheriff's deputies were killed during a series of shootings that spanned about six hours across two California counties. A third deputy and a bystander were also shot during the spree.

Marcelo Marquez, 34, was taken alive Friday afternoon from a home in Auburn after the initial shooting hours earlier in a Sacramento commercial area, Placer County Sheriff's spokeswoman Dena Erwin said.

"This guy was on a one-man crime spree today. He has no idea of the damage he did," she said.

The four shootings sparked a massive manhunt by multiple agencies backed by search dogs, helicopters and armored vehicles. Residents nearby were told to stay indoors and schools were locked down during the search.

A woman who was with

the suspect was also taken into custody in Placer County and authorities said

AR-15-type assault weapon, and the other officer was shot in the arm and

afternoon news conference that Deputy Danny Oliver, 47, was killed after

and was shot in the forehead at close range. Oliver was a 15-year veteran who leaves behind a wife and two daughters.

Jones did not know a motive. Oliver was the first county deputy killed since 2008.

"He was not able to return fire or do anything," Jones said. He said Oliver's partner was able to shoot back as the vehicle fled the scene. "We live as a family, today we grieve as a family," Jones said.

The suspect then shot a male driver who refused to hand over his car keys during an attempted carjacking, officials said.

Erwin said two deputies from her department were later shot in Auburn, about 30 miles (48 kilometers) north of Sacramento, as the manhunt continued. She did not immediately release the deputies' names or other identifying information.

Marquez was taken to a hospital before he could be booked into jail, Erwin said.



Law enforcement officers gather at the site where 2 Sacramento County Sheriff's deputies were shot by an assailant who then carjacked two vehicles prompting a manhunt in Sacramento, Calif., Friday, Oct. 24, 2014.

(AP Photo/Rich Pedroncelli)

she had a handgun in her purse. Erwin said the officer who died was shot with an

was expected to survive. Sacramento County Sheriff Scott Jones said at an

he approached a suspicious vehicle in a motel parking lot Friday morning

NYC police commissioner: Hatchet attack was terror

TOM HAYS
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A brazen daylight hatchet attack against a group of police officers on a busy New York street was a terrorist act by a reclusive Muslim convert who ranted online against America but had no clear ties to international extremists, the police commissioner said Friday.

Police were examining Zale Thompson's computer for clues about a motive for the Thursday assault that left one of the officers seriously injured and ended with Thompson being killed by police. Police Commis-

sioner William Bratton said Thompson's browsing history included organized terror groups, beheadings and the shooting in Canada earlier this week that officials there have called a terrorist attack.

Thompson was not on any watch lists, and officials found no indication he sought any training or affiliation to any groups.

Bratton said investigators were trying to determine whether the attack was planned or spontaneous but believe Thompson was self-radicalized. His father told officials he converted to Islam about two years

ago and was described as a "recluse" who had been depressed lately.

Bratton said he was comfortable calling it a terrorist attack.

"This was a terrorist attack, certainly," Bratton said.

But he also stopped short of including the attack in the list of terror plots against the city since Sept. 11, 2001, saying the investigation was continuing.

Thompson, 32, had once served in the U.S. Navy and had a history of run-ins with the law over domestic violence in California in 2003 and 2004, police said. In recent postings on social

media, he ranted about injustices in American society and oppression abroad, but the postings didn't point to any affiliation with a terror group or direct influence of radical Islam, they said.

Security video and witness accounts appeared to leave no doubt that Thompson purposely targeted four rookie New York Police Department officers who were in uniform and on foot patrol in a bustling Queens commercial district.

Moments before the attack, the bearded suspect was seen on a street corner

crouching down to pull the hatchet out of backpack before he charged the officers and began swinging the hatchet with a two-handed grip, police said.

At the time, the officers were posing for a photo for a passerby. Without a word, Thompson swung at an officer who blocked the blow with his arm, police said. Another officer was hit in the back of the head and fell to the ground.

As the suspect raised the hatchet again, the two uninjured officers drew their weapons and fired several rounds, police said.

Parachutist's Record-Breaking Fall: 26 Miles, 15 Minutes

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ROSWELL, N.M. - A well-known computer scientist parachuted from a balloon near the top of the stratosphere on Friday, falling faster than the speed of sound and breaking the world altitude record set just two years ago.

The jump was made by Alan Eustace, 57, a senior vice president at Google. At dawn he was lifted by a balloon filled with 35,000 cubic feet of helium, from an abandoned runway at the airport here.

For a little over two hours, the balloon ascended at speeds up to 1,600 feet per minute to an altitude of more than 25 miles. Eustace dangled underneath in a specially designed spacesuit with an elaborate life-support system. He returned to earth just 15 minutes after starting his fall.

"It was amazing," he said. "It was beautiful. You could see the darkness of space and you could see the layers of atmosphere, which I had never seen before."

Eustace cut himself loose from the balloon with the aid of a small explosive device and plummeted toward the earth at speeds that peaked at 822 mph, setting off a small sonic boom heard by observers on the ground.

"It was a wild, wild ride," he said. "I hugged on to the equipment module and tucked my legs and I held my heading."

He did not feel or hear the supersonic boom as he passed the speed of sound, he said. He performed two slow back flips before a small parachute righted him.

His technical team had designed a carbon-fiber attachment that kept him from becoming entangled in the main parachute before it opened. About 4 1/2 minutes into his flight, he opened the main parachute and glided to a landing 70 miles from the launch site.

"To break an aviation record is incredibly significant," said Mark Kelly, the

former astronaut, who viewed Eustace's ascent. "There is an incredible amount of risk. To do it safely is a testament to the people involved."

Eustace's maximum altitude was initially reported as 135,908 feet. The final

feet on Oct. 14, 2012.

Eustace was carried aloft without the aid of the sophisticated capsule used by Baumgartner or millions of dollars in sponsorship money. Instead, Eustace planned his jump in the utmost secrecy, working for

ter by an off-the-shelf radio. Although Baumgartner was widely known for death-defying feats, Eustace describes himself as an engineer first with a deep commitment to teamwork. He pilots his own Cessna twin-engine jet and has a

stace was introduced to Taber MacCallum, one of the founding members of the Biosphere 2 project, an artificial closed ecosystem built to explore ideas such as space colonization. Eustace had decided to pursue a simpler approach than Baumgartner's.

He asked MacCallum's company, Paragon Space Development Corp., to create a life-support system to make it possible for him to breathe pure oxygen in a pressure suit during his ascent and fall.

Eustace said Google had been willing to help with the project but he declined company support, worried that his jump would become a marketing event.

James Hayhurst, director of competition at the U.S. Parachute Association, who verified the record, described the venture as "legitimate science."

"I think they're putting a little lookout tower at the edge of space that the common man can share," he said.

Eustace said he gained a love of space and space-flight from growing up in Orlando during the 1960s and 1970s. His family crowded into a station wagon to watch every launch from Cape Canaveral.

A veteran aircraft pilot and parachutist, he worked as a computer hardware designer at Digital Equipment Corp. for 15 years before moving to Google in 2002. Eustace said that his technical team designed and redesigned many of the components of his parachute and life-support system during the three-year development phase.

Many of the redesigns were the result of technical surprises.

For example, he discovered that in order to control his suit, he was required to make movements that were exactly the opposite of the control motions made by a conventional parachutist. Left movements must be made for rightward motion, for instance, and upward movements for downward motion.



Alan Eustace, in suit, with Jared Leidich, prepares for his ascent to the upper reaches of the stratosphere on Oct. 24, 2014. Eustace, a well-known computer scientist, parachuted from a balloon near the top of the stratosphere on Friday, falling faster than the speed of sound and breaking the world altitude record set just two years ago.

(Volker D. Kern/The New York Times)



Alan Eustace during his ascent to near the top of the stratosphere on Oct. 24, 2014.

(J. Martin Harris/The New York Times)

number, based on information from two data loggers, being submitted to the World Air Sports Federation is 135,890 feet.

The previous altitude record was set by Austrian daredevil Felix Baumgartner, who jumped from 128,100

almost three years with a small group of technologists skilled in spacesuit design, life-support systems, and parachute and balloon technology.

He carried modest GoPro cameras aloft, connected to his ground-control cen-

reputation in Silicon Valley for thrill-seeking.

"Alan is a risk-taker with a passion for details," said Brian Reid, a computer network specialist who has worked with Eustace.

After he decided to pursue the project in 2011, Eu-

US Financial Front:

Pace of new home sales in America flat in September

JOSH BOAK

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. sales of new homes were nearly flat in September, after the government sharply revised downward what was initially an August surge in buying.

New-home sales edged up 0.2 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 467,000, the Commerce Department reported Friday. The report also revised down the August sales rate to 466,000 from 504,000.

The pace of sales for newly built homes has improved a mere 1.7 percent so far this year compared to 2013. Only the South has experienced gains in buying year-to-date, while purchases have fallen in the Northeast, Midwest and West.

Housing has struggled to fully rebound since the recession ended more than five years ago. Many potential buyers lack the savings and strong credit history needed to afford a home, causing them to rent or remain in their existing houses instead of upgrading.

Construction and buyers of new homes have trickled back from the worst of the bust, but new-home sales remain drastically below

the annual rate of 700,000 during the 1990s.

Sales in the most expensive Western states declined in September, reversing some of the gains made in August. Because homes are pricier in the West, that

in place for the past few years.

"There is little evidence that the new single-family housing market is decisively breaking out of its medium-term flat pattern," said Joshua Shapiro, chief U.S.

federal regulators have unveiled plans to loosen down payment requirements, and mortgage rates have tumbled below 4 percent. Along with a slowdown in price growth, these factors could even-

marks a solid decline from average rates that began the year at 4.53 percent. When rates fall, it becomes cheaper for people to borrow and makes homes more affordable.

But many potential buyers are unable to upgrade to a new home by selling their current home, as prices still have yet to exceed mortgage debt for much of the country.

More than 8 million homes are "seriously underwater," representing 15 percent of all properties with a mortgage and roughly \$1.4 trillion worth of negative equity, according to the housing data company RealtyTrac. The lasting damage from the housing bust continues to weigh on the market, preventing some homeowners from upgrading to larger houses and limiting the options of buyers.

Builders have yet to meaningfully ramp up construction of single-family houses. Almost all of the 6.3 percent growth in housing starts last month came from apartments and multi-family construction, the Commerce Department reported. Starts for single-family houses rose just 1.1 percent in September compared to the prior month. □



Signs welcome visitors to a model home as construction is under way at a housing development in Zelienople, Pa. The Commerce Department released flat new home sales data for September on Friday, Oct. 23, 2014. (AP Photo/Keith Srakocic)

pushed down the median price for a new home to \$259,000 from \$286,800 in the prior month.

Analysts noted that the new-home sales report from the government is notoriously volatile from month to month, yet sales have basically been stuck

economist at the forecasting firm MFR.

Some of the financial pressures on homebuyers are starting to ease, yet it's unlikely that will do much to suddenly boost sales of new homes in the final months of this year.

Over the past two weeks,

tually help usher more buyers into the real estate market.

Average rates for a 30-year mortgage fell to 3.92 percent from 3.97 percent last week, the mortgage company Freddie Mac reported. That is the lowest level since June 2013 and



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Arturo Bejar, Facebook's Mr. Nice

NICK BILTON

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Of Facebook's 7,185 employees, Arturo Bejar may have the most difficult job. No, he is not responsible for increasing advertising revenue or keeping the website alive 24 hours a day. Bejar has a much more inscrutable task: teaching the site's 1.3 billion users, especially its tens of millions of teenagers, how to be nice and respectful to one another.

Respectful? Online? Ha! That's never going to happen. Everyone knows that social media is an unwinnable game of who can be meaner. If Bejar thinks he can make Facebook users nice, he is - to borrow a popular Facebook comment - just stupid!

But that kind of response is exactly what Bejar is counting on. As the director of engineering for the Facebook Protect and Care team, 80-strong, he believes that most users are not trying to be mean and that they will retract a comment (and even feel bad about it) if they realize it has caused someone

harm.

"The way our brains work, we have evolved to understand each other by tone of voice or seeing facial expressions, but that gets lost through the devices we use to communicate," Bejar said last week in an interview at Facebook's New York offices.

In other words, Bejar is trying to create empathy among Facebook users, in what used to happen in real settings like the playground through social cues like crying and laughter.

This may seem like a piffling side project to some. But I believe the success of social media largely depends on solving this problem and teaching users to be kinder and more empathetic. Most people I know who have quit services like Twitter and Instagram have done so because commenters were spiteful, insensitive or just plain nasty.

According to a report released this week by Pew Research's Internet Project, 65 percent of young adults 18 to 29 in the United States said that they had

been harassed online, and 92 percent had witnessed someone else being bullied.

But Facebook's efforts to curb this may be working. The company told me that each week 8 million Facebook members use tools that allow users to report a harmful post or photo. (The tools can be used by clicking on the little upside-down arrow in the upper right corner of a post or the options button at the bottom of photos.)

Bejar's team designed these tools to let people know someone had hurt their feelings, and he said the system actually worked. (This is different from the newsfeed experiment in June, when Facebook received criticism for tinkering with people's emotions as part of a psychological study to examine how emotions can be spread on social media.)

Creating empathy on Facebook has not been easy. Researchers have learned that a few letters can have a profound impact. For example, in the first iteration of these tools,



The job of Arturo Bejar and his 80-strong Facebook Protect and Care team is to curb cyberbullying and harassment by creating and increasing empathy in communications among the media site's users. (James C. Best/The New York Times)

Facebook gave users a short list of vague emotions - like "embarrassing" - to communicate why they wanted a post removed. At the time, 50 percent of users seeking to delete a post would use the tool, but when Facebook added the word "it's" to create a complete sentence ("It's embarrassing"), the interaction shot up to 78 percent.

Teenagers are a particular focus, not just as victims of cyberbullying but because they sometimes lack the emotional maturity to handle negative posts.

Dr. Marc Brackett, director of the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence, who is working with Facebook on this emotions project with the Protect and Care team, said their research found that teenagers need more pathways and options to voice their feelings.

"When kids let someone know they've hurt their feelings in a personal way, there's a strong likelihood that the other kid will take

that down," Brackett said. Interestingly, more often than not, the posts were not meant to hurt, but were jokes lost in digital translation. When Facebook asked people why they shared a post that hurt someone else, around 90 percent of respondents said they thought their friends would like the post or would think it was funny. Only 2 percent of users wanted to provoke or alarm someone else.

"Believe it or not, most of the time people do mean well," said Dacher Keltner, a director of the Greater Good Science Center at the University of California, Berkeley, who is also working with Facebook's empathy team.

Researchers are looking at other ways to help users be more empathetic on social networks. Last year, Facebook borrowed ideas from Charles Darwin's 1872 book, "The Expression of the Emotions in Man and Animals," to create stickers with facial expressions. □



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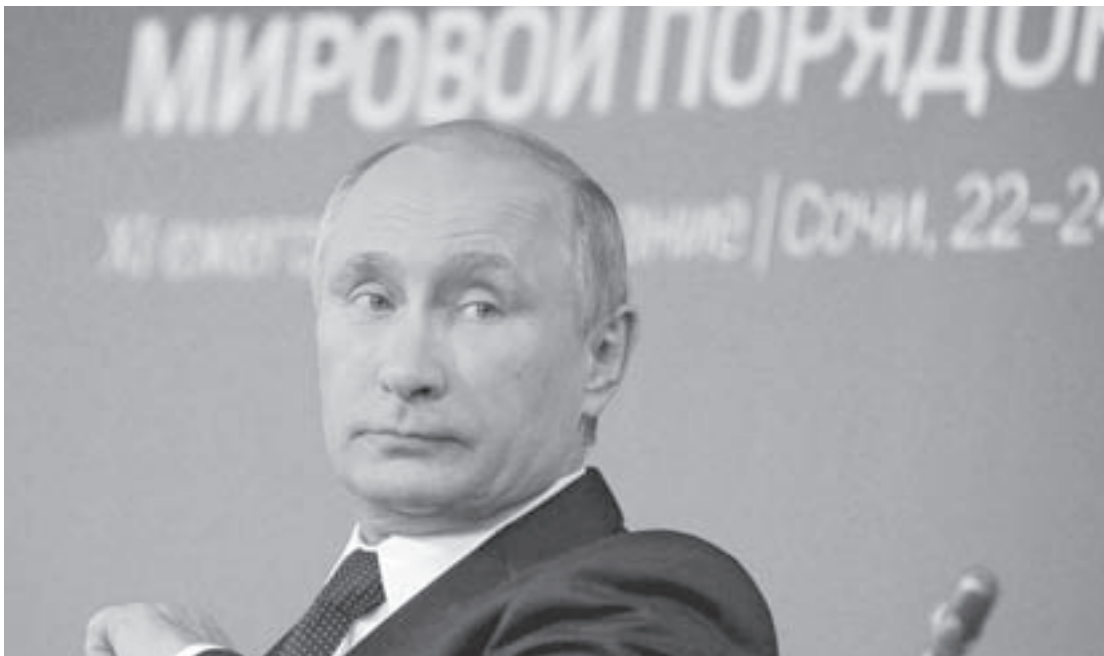


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Putin accuses US of undermining global stability



Russian President Vladimir Putin attends a meeting of the Valdai International Discussion Club in the Black Sea resort of Sochi, Russia, Friday, Oct. 24, 2014. The United States is destabilizing the global world order by trying to enforce its will, Russian President Vladimir Putin declared Friday, warning that the world will face new wars if Washington fails to respect the interests of other countries.

V. ISACHENKOV
Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — President Vladimir Putin of Russia said Friday that the world is becoming an increasingly dangerous place because of U.S. attempts to enforce its will on other countries and that his nation will not comply.

In an emotional speech before international political experts, Putin unleashed scathing criticism of the United States for what he called its disregard of international law and unilateral use of force.

If the United State fails to abandon its "desire of eternal domination," then "hopes for peaceful and stable development will be illusory, and today's upheavals will herald the collapse of global world order," Putin said during a meeting that lasted about three hours in the Black Sea resort of Sochi.

His voice strained with anger, Putin accused the U.S. and its allies of trying to "tailor the world exclusively

to their needs" since the end of the Cold War, using economic pressure and military force and often supporting extremist groups to achieve their goals.

He cited the wars in Iraq, Libya and Syria as examples of flawed moves that have led to chaos and left Washington and its allies "fighting against the results of their own policy."

"They are throwing their might to remove the risks they have created themselves, and they are paying an ever increasing price," Putin said.

"Unilateral diktat and attempts to enforce their own cliché on others bring opposite result: escalation of conflicts instead of their settlement, widening area of chaos in place of stable sovereign states, support for dubious elements from open neo-Nazis to Islamic radicals instead of democracy."

He said that Russia has been cold-shouldered by the West, despite its eagerness to cooperate.

(AP Photo/Mikhail Klimentyev)

The U.S. and the European Union imposed tough sanctions on Russia after it annexed the Black Sea peninsula of Crimea populated mostly by Russian speakers, and allegedly armed rebels fighting for independence in eastern Ukraine.

Putin also has maintained support for President Bashar Assad of Syria in a civil war that has helped destabilize the Middle East. The U.S. has demanded that the Syrian leader step down.

In Washington, U.S. State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki reacted to Putin's speech by saying the U.S. "does not seek confrontation with Russia, but we cannot and will not compromise on the principles on which security in Europe and North America rest."

She said there may be disagreements, "but we remain committed to upholding Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity."

Psaki also told reporters that the U.S. has been able to work with Russia on a range of issues and hopes

to engage with Moscow again on areas of mutual concern.

In Ukraine, Putin said, the West has ignored Russia's legitimate interests in its neighbor and supported the ouster of Ukraine's former Russian-leaning president.

He accused the West of breaking its promises, citing a February phone conversation with President Barack Obama just hours before protesters in Kiev drove Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich out of office.

Putin denied allegations that Russia wants to split Ukraine, but he said the rebel regions should be allowed to hold local elections as they plan on Nov. 2, not in December as the Ukrainian government

wants.

He said the withdrawal of forces under the cease-fire deal should create conditions for gradually rebuilding ties between the central authorities and the rebel regions.

The Russian leader is well known for having said that the breakup of the Soviet Union was "the greatest geopolitical catastrophe" of the 20th century.

But Putin denied allegations that Russia wants to rebuild the Soviet empire.

Evoking the archetypal image of the Russian bear, Putin warned that his nation will firmly stand its ground to defend its vital interests.

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Egypt's President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, center, holds an emergency meeting of the National Defense Council with top officials after an attack in the Sinai Peninsula, in Cairo, Egypt, Friday, Oct. 24, 2014. (AP Photo/MENA)

Attack on Egypt army post kills 30

ASHRAF SWEILAM
MAGGIE MICHAEL
Associated Press

EL-ARISH, Egypt (AP) — A coordinated assault on an army checkpoint in the Sinai Peninsula killed 30 Egyptian troops on Friday, making it the deadliest single attack in decades on the military, which has been struggling to stem a wave of violence by Islamic extremists since the overthrow of Islamist President Mohammed Morsi. Officials described it as "well-planned" attack that began with a car bomb which may have been set off by a suicide attacker. Other militants then fired rocket-propelled grenades, striking a tank carrying ammunition and igniting a secondary explosion. Roadside bombs intended to target rescuers struck two army vehicles, seriously wounding a senior officer. State-run TV said clashes between troops and militants followed the attack, without providing further details. The attack took place some 15 kilometers from the northern Sinai city of el-Arish, in an area

called Karm el-Qawadees. There was no immediate claim of responsibility, but officials said the attack bore the hallmarks of the country's most active militant group — named Ansar Beit al-Maqdis, or Champions of Jerusalem — which has claimed a string of past attacks on security forces. The officials said the death toll is expected to rise because 28 people were wounded and several were in critical condition. Egypt's President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, the former defense minister and army chief who overthrew Morsi last year, held an emergency meeting of the National Defense Council and declared a three-day mourning period. El-Sissi has said in the past that the militants hide in populated areas, making it difficult for the military to combat them. In a brief statement, the council vowed that the army would take "revenge for the shedding of dear blood." State TV showed presenters dressed in black and displayed a black ribbon at the top of the screen while

played patriotic songs. An official said the government is considering the eviction of residents living in small northern Sinai villages that are considered the "most dangerous" militant bastions, and declaring certain areas to be closed military zones. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to media. Egypt's official news agency MENA said military helicopters ferried the dead and wounded to Cairo hospitals. Egypt's top Islamic authority, Grand Mufti Shawki Allam, condemned the attacks and said those who carry out acts of terrorism "deserve God's wrath on earth and at the end of days." Islamic militants have been battling security forces in the Sinai for a decade, but the violence spiked after the military overthrew Morsi in July 2013 amid massive protests demanding his resignation. The attacks have also spread to other parts of Egypt, with militants targeting police in Cairo and the Nile Delta. □

Gunman in Canada attack complained over mosque

RACHEL LA CORTE
Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — The gunman who shot and killed a soldier in plain daylight then stormed Canada's Parliament once complained that a Vancouver mosque he attended was too liberal and inclusive, and was kicked out after he repeatedly spent the night there even though officials told him to stop, Muslim leaders said Friday.

Aasim Rashid, spokesman for the British Columbia Muslim Association, said Michael Zehaf-Bibeau visited the Masjid Al-Salaam mosque for three to four months toward the end of 2011, and possibly early 2012, before he was told not to come back. Rashid said that before Zehaf-Bibeau got in trouble for using the mosque for accommodations, he had complained to leaders in the previous administration about the mosque's openness and willingness to let non-Muslims visit. "The mosque administration sat him down and explained to him that this is how they run the mosque and that they will keep the doors open to all Muslims and non-Muslims who want to visit," he said at a news conference held at the mosque Friday.

Rashid said that Zehaf-Bibeau was told he should go pray at a different mosque if he disagreed. However, he stayed until he was ultimately asked to leave when officials learned he was still sleeping in the mosque while battling legal troubles.

After the second or third time, he was told to leave the premises and "not to come back," Rashid said. "This was the last interaction that the people of the mosque here have had with him," he said.

Zehaf-Bibeau, 32, shot a soldier to death at Canada's national war memorial Wednesday, and was eventually gunned down inside Parliament by the sergeant-at-arms. His motive remains unknown, but Prime Minister Stephen Harper has called the shooting a terror attack, and the bloodshed raised fears that Canada is suffering reprisals for joining the U.S.-led air campaign against Islamic State extremists in Iraq and Syria.

The attack in Ottawa came two days after a man described as an "ISIL-inspired terrorist" ran over two soldiers in a parking lot in Quebec, killing one and injuring the other before being shot to death by police. The man had been under surveillance by Canadian authorities, who feared he had jihadist ambitions and seized his passport when he tried to travel to Turkey.

Rashid said the Muslim association has been working on a preventive program that focuses on minimizing the effect of terrorist and criminal propaganda in Canada. He decried the recent violence.

"These are acts of criminal violence and show utter disregard for human life and the laws of the world as well as its religions," he said. "We openly denounce the propaganda of the lawless groups trying to incite Canadians to hurt other Canadians." In July, another man who attended the Masjid Al-Salaam mosque, 25-year-old Hasibullah Yusufzai, was charged under a new anti-terrorism law for allegedly leaving the country to join Islamist fighters in Syria. Yusufzai is believed to have left Canada in January. □

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Sweden ends sub search; case closed for now

DAN BILEFSKY

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"The Hunt for Reds in October" - as the search for a mysterious submarine in Swedish waters has been termed - is over, at least for now.

The Swedish authorities said Friday that a military team that had included mine-sweepers, helicopters and ships had been called off after a weeklong search for a vessel that never materialized.

"The hunt is over, and now the time has come to analyze what happened," said Ingela Nilsson, a spokeswoman for the Swedish Defense Ministry. At a time of rising East-West tensions, fanned by Russia's involvement in the Ukraine crisis, the search was the biggest mobilization of its kind in Sweden since the end of the Cold War. Some ground forces will remain on alert, Nilsson said.

Signs of a possible vessel in the Stockholm archipelago were first detected on Oct. 17, and Swedish officials said they suspected that a foreign submarine had infiltrated Swedish waters. Officials were at pains not to name the origin of the vessel, even as suspicion immediately fell on Russia. The Russian government has emphatically denied having a vessel in the area. Nevertheless, Nilsson said recent assertiveness by Russia in the region had heightened Swedish vigilance. She said the sight of the large-scale mobilization had helped reinforce public confidence in the Swedish military, and in government plans to increase military spending in response to rising tensions fueled by Russian actions in Ukraine and beyond.

UK rejects 'appalling' EU demand for money

RAF CASERT

MIKE CORDER

Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — British Prime Minister David Cameron insisted Friday he would not pay a European Union bill for an additional 2.1 billion euro (\$2.65 billion) contribution to the EU coffers at a time of increasing pressure at home for the country to leave the bloc.

Thumping his fist in frustration, Cameron said "people should be in no doubt: as an important contributor to this organization, we are not suddenly going to get out our checkbook and write a check for 2 billion euros. It is not happening." Cameron said asking Britain for a top-up of some 20 percent in its contributions on short notice "is an appalling way to behave. We are not paying that bill on the first of December."

The Netherlands too has been asked for a big top-up, of 642 million euros, which Finance Minister Jeroen Dijsselbloem called "extremely surprising, unpleasantly surprising."

The EU executive Commission said the demand stemmed from the fact that the economies of some countries, like Britain, have grown more than expected at the start of

the year. Contributions are made according to economic size.

"This should not have come as a surprise" to Britain and

tics, said EU Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso. "We have been careful not to politicize the process we have been asked

Cameron and his Dutch counterpart Mark Rutte already discussed a common protest at the EU summit, which ends Friday. The Netherlands too is facing an increasingly vocal anti-EU camp. "We are not going to take this lying down," Dijsselbloem said.

Cameron said EU finance ministers would discuss the issue at an emergency meeting he had called for. A longtime reluctant member of the EU, Britain has seen a surge in the popularity of the UKIP party, which wants to get Britain out of the EU, claiming its bureaucracy is profligate.

"The EU is like a thirsty vampire feasting on U.K. taxpayers' blood. We need to protect the innocent victims, who are us," said UKIP leader Nigel Farage.

Cameron realized the political headache the EU demand would create as he tries to manage the anti-EU sentiment. "Is that helpful for Britain's membership of the EU? No it's not."

The request for the budget top up comes at a time when Cameron has been telling his EU counterparts how well the British economy is doing in the face of the flagging fortunes on the continent, where even Germany is facing sagging growth.



British Prime Minister David Cameron speaks during a media conference after an EU summit at the EU Council building in Brussels, on Friday, Oct. 24, 2014. Britain prime minister, David Cameron, is protesting a European Union request for an additional 2.1 billion euro (\$2.65 billion) contribution to the EU coffers at a time of increasing pressure at home for the country to leave the bloc.

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other nations, since it was based on national statis-

to administer" by the member states.

Brazil's Rousseff slams magazine's allegations

JENNY BARCHFIELD

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff on Friday denounced as an "act of electoral terrorism" a newsmagazine report suggesting she and her predecessor were aware of a corruption scheme within state-run oil giant Petrobras.

The report published in the

Veja newsweekly comes just ahead of Sunday's presidential elections, capping an acrimonious and bruising campaign in which Rousseff and her center-right rival Aecio Neves traded allegations of corruption and incompetence as well as personal barbs. In a campaign video and a series of tweets released a few hours after the maga-

zine hit newsstands, Rousseff slammed the story and threatened to take legal action.

"Today the magazine exceeded the limits of decency and the lack of ethics," Rousseff said. "The magazine has committed this barbarity, this infamy ... without presenting the most minimal proof. It's absurd. It's a crime."

She added that she "cannot remain quiet in the face of this act of electoral terrorism by Veja and its hidden partners."

Her ad suggested the report was part of a systematic, years-long campaign by the right-leaning newsweekly to discredit her Workers' Party, which has governed Brazil for the past 12 years.

Venezuelans brace for fallout of slump in oil price

JOSHUA GOODMAN

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela

(AP) — The falling oil prices that are providing relief to drivers around the world threaten to bring more misery to the life of Milagro Alvarez and millions of other Venezuelans, whose country depends almost exclusively on oil revenue.

The math teacher has been getting up before dawn each day and rushing out to hunt for disposable diapers, one of scores of products that have been in short supply due to price restrictions and currency controls put in place by the socialist government long before the slide in petroleum prices.

"The government says we're a rich country, so why do we have to stand in line and beg to buy diapers?" said Alvarez, standing under a pink umbrella to protect herself and her 5-month-old daughter Annabeth from the blazing sun after three hours queued up in front of a Farmatodo store.

Now Venezuela is sudden-



People wait in line to enter a small market to try to buy items like disposable diapers, laundry detergent and razors in downtown Caracas, Venezuela, Thursday, Oct. 23, 2014. The falling oil prices that are providing relief to drivers around the world threaten to bring more misery to the life of millions of Venezuelans, whose country depends almost exclusively on oil revenue.

(AP Photo/Ariana Cubillos)

ly a lot less rich, and many fear those lines will just get longer.

The country with the world's largest oil reserves was struggling to keep shelves filled even when crude was selling for \$100 a barrel or more. Now prices for benchmark Brent crude

have fallen \$28 in the past four months, to \$86, the result of too much supply and weaker global demand.

In Venezuela, where 95 percent of exports are oil, the decline represents a huge loss of income to pay for everything from imported milk to foreign debt, from social programs to billions in subsidized oil for allies in the Caribbean and Central America.

Bank of America estimates that for every dollar that oil prices drop, the state loses \$770 million in net revenue over a year. That puts revenue \$12 billion a year below peak levels if current prices hold. Venezuela already has one of the world's biggest fiscal deficits, estimated at 15 percent of GDP, and even before the latest slide was considering selling its American subsidiary Citgo Petroleum Corp. to raise cash.

The government has called for an emergency summit of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to discuss cutting production to raise prices — a position that could face opposition by other cartel members.

But it has given no hint of how it will make up for the revenue loss in the meantime. President Nicolas Maduro has assured Wall Street that the country

won't default on its debt and has told poor Venezuelans that their social benefits are safe.

"There'll be no catastrophe or collapse," Maduro said last week. "Venezuela has guaranteed all the resources it needs to keep prospering."

None of those reassurances seem to resonate in the block-long line outside the Farmatodo pharmacy in downtown Caracas, where consumers elbow one another and trade insults with armed guards placed at the door to avoid a stampede.

To restrict hoarding and purchases by resellers, the nation's biggest drugstore chain this week began requiring customers to present their government-issued ID card, which clerks enter in a database to track purchases of price-capped goods that are frequently in short supply. For diapers, the limit is two small packages per week. The government itself is rolling out a sort-of rationing system using fingerprint scanners in western states where smugglers do a brisk business buying price-controlled goods in Venezuela and selling them at a huge profit in Colombia — actions the government blames for the shortages. The oil crisis is partly of the

government's making, economists say.

Unlike neighboring Colombia, which took advantage of the past decade's petroleum windfall to boost production and savings, the late former President Hugo Chavez and now Maduro have relied almost exclusively on the price of oil to fund government spending.

In 2005, state-run petroleum company PDVSA projected it would be pumping almost 6 million barrels of oil per day by now. Instead, production has steadily declined to around 2.4 million barrels — about the same level as it was in the 1960s.

Even as production stalls, Venezuela has to send more shipments to China to cover payments on billions of dollars in loans.

"It's amazing that despite the highest oil prices in the industry's history, and the hemisphere's biggest reserves, production in Venezuela has declined from its peak in 1997," said Francisco Monaldi, a Harvard University professor who specializes in energy. "It really takes some talent to get into this mess."

Although the situation is dire, the government still has room to maneuver, Monaldi said. He said Maduro will likely pursue an array of policies — including a stealth currency devaluation, printing more bolivars and cutting spending — without embracing a pro-market stance.

The government could also raise gas prices that are the world's cheapest, about 5 cents per gallon at the official exchange rate and practically free at the widely used black market rate.

Each choice, however, entails political risks at a time when the opposition is emboldened by polls showing 80 percent of Venezuelans believe the country is on the wrong track. Support for Maduro stood at 30 percent in a poll this month by Caracas-based Data-nalisis, a record low in his 18-month administration.

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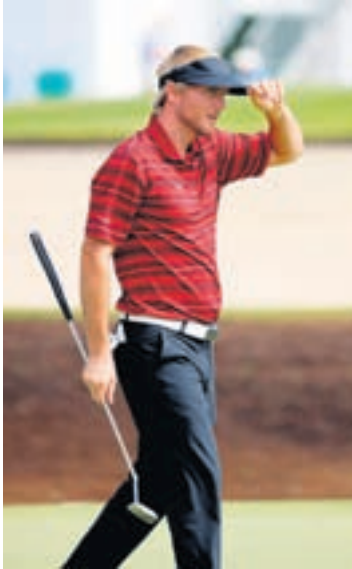


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Russell Henley tips his hat during the second round of the McGladrey Classic golf tournament, in St. Simons Island, Ga. (AP Photo/Stephen B. Morton)

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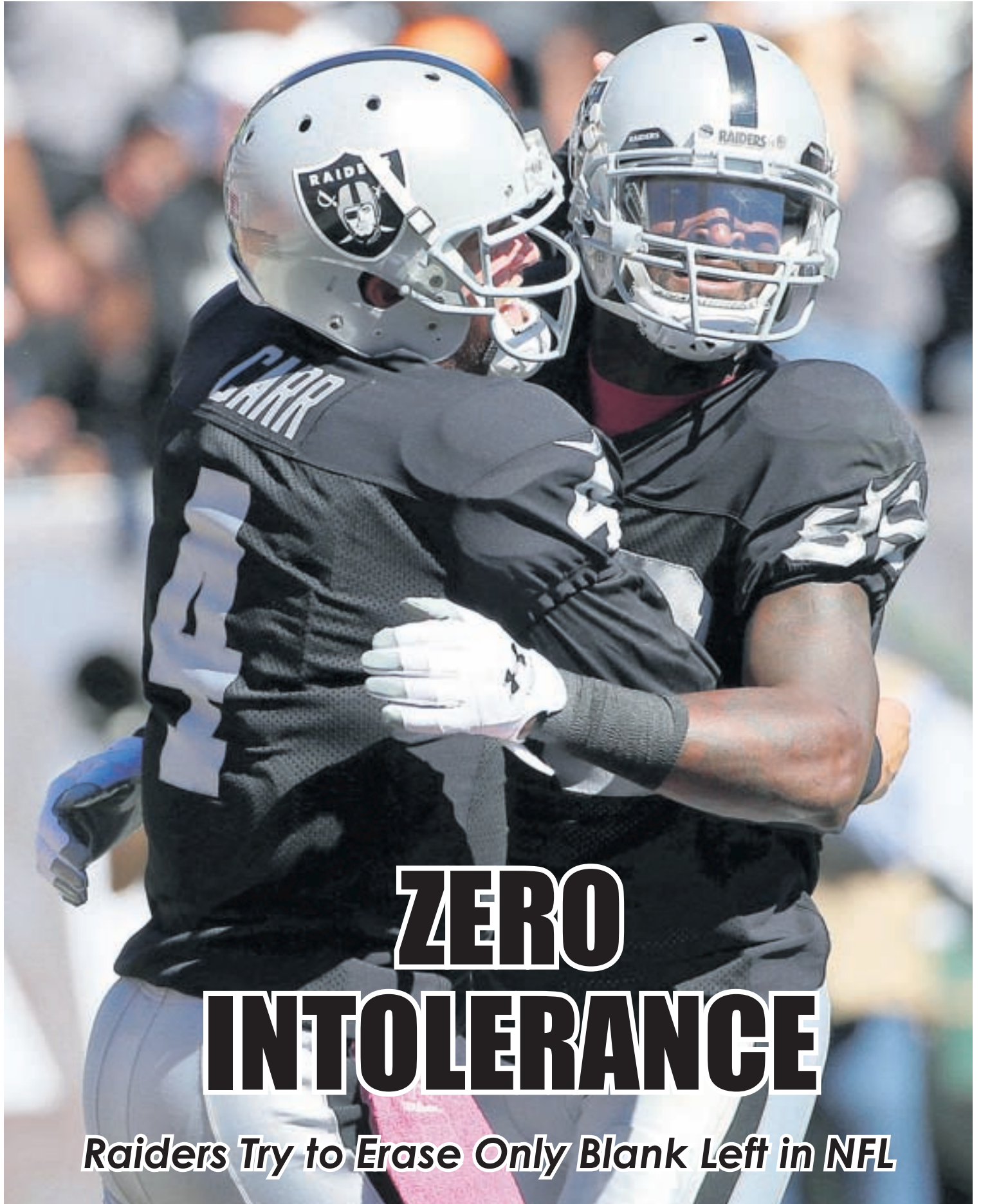
DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

ST. SIMONS ISLAND, Georgia (AP) — Russell Henley has a reminder on his phone that goes off every day at noon to tell him he's the best putter in the world. He didn't need one Friday in the McGladrey Classic. Playing for the first time since Sept. 14 at the Tour Championship, Henley one-putted 10 greens on the Seaside course at Sea Island and tied his personal best on the PGA Tour with a 7-under 63 to take the lead among early starters in the second round.

The 25-year-old from Georgia would not have seen that coming. When he teed off in the morning chill, he opened with a bogey on No. 10 and was simply trying to keep warm. The only 63 on his mind was whether the temperature would get that high. It did, and he got hot with his best club in the bag.

"After the first hole, I was just thinking, 'All right, you've got to hang in there and just be patient and hopefully get something going.' And I did," Henley said.

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Oakland Raiders quarterback Derek Carr (4) and wide receiver James Jones celebrate after connecting on a touchdown pass in Oakland, Calif. There's only one zero remaining in the NFL standings, right next to Oakland — and on the wrong side of the ledger. The Raiders will attempt to change that stat Sunday when they face the Browns in Cleveland.

(AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez)

There's only one zero remaining in the NFL standings, right next to Oakland — and on the wrong side of the ledger.

The Raiders, as bad as any team over the last dozen years, head to Cleveland, where the Browns seemed to be in the midst of the

league's best feel-good story until they went to Jacksonville and promptly handed the Jaguars their first win. Oakland, with a

0-6 record, has dropped 12 in a row going back to last year.

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Henley's putting gets him early lead at Sea Island



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He managed to turn a horrible drive into a birdie on the 18th hole at the turn, the start of six birdies over his last 10 holes. That put him at 9-under 131, one shot ahead of Brendon de Jonge (64).

"That kept the round going, and then I felt pretty good with my putter," Henley said.

Will MacKenzie (68), Mark Wilson (66) and Fabian Gomez (66) were two shots behind. Defending champion Chris Kirk hit his first drive of the round into a hazard and made double bogey, but he recovered with five birdies for a 67

Rory Sabbatini, of South Africa, hits off the 10th fairway during the second round of the McGladrey Classic golf tournament on Friday, Oct. 24, 2014, in St. Simons Island, Ga.

(AP Photo/Stephen B. Morton)

that left him only four shots back.

Henley has won in each of his first two years on the PGA Tour, and it was that inaugural win at the Sony Open that brought so much attention to his putting. He's not suggesting he is the best putter in golf, though it doesn't hurt to tell himself that every day.

"I would say I'm a great putter. And I think if you want to be a great putter, you have to believe that you're a great putter," Henley said.

That's why he added the phone reminder.

"I try to just believe in my putting and enjoy putting, and people always tells me I'm a great putter, so it's pretty easy to keep the confidence going when you're doing that," Henley said. "I just wish they would say that about the rest of my game."

He doubts they will ever say that about his acoustic gui-

tar.

Henley has been fiddling with a guitar since he was a teenager, spent more time with it in college and when he turned pro, and now is at least good enough to fulfill a fantasy. During a friendly bet he won with country singer Darius Rucker, he was able to go on stage with him Wednesday night at Sea Island during a concert and play "Wagon Wheel," even singing with him on the chorus.

"I still can't believe it actually happened," Henley said. De Jonge ran off three straight birdies on his front nine and played bogey-free. More than enjoying just his putting, it's key for Henley to enjoy his golf. He did well enough after winning the Honda Classic to advance to the Tour Championship, meaning a hectic end to last season. Henley was worn out and needed the five-week break. □

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"Our concern is getting one win and winning the next game," said interim coach Tony Sparano, 0-2 since taking over for the fired Dennis Allen. "That really has to be our focus, because if we look at the picture down the road right now, the parade might pass us by. That happened to a few teams last week. We're not going to do that."

Also on Sunday, the Philadelphia Eagles go to the Arizona Cardinals in a matchup of two superbly coached 5-1 teams who have overcome some key injuries.

Philadelphia's pass rush has come alive, with 16 of 19 sacks in the last three games. Arizona doesn't have nearly that forceful a rush.

The Eagles also have seven touchdowns not scored by the offense, four on special teams, further displaying their balance.

But the Cardinals are 10-2 with Carson Palmer at quarterback and their defense has not allowed an opponent to rush for 100 yards, the only team that can brag about that.

"They run a lot of different looks on the defensive side of the ball, so they can confuse you a little bit," Eagles coach Chip Kelly says. "But also they've got some really, really good football players on the defensive side."

The Chicago Bears probably are glad to be going to New England and getting away from Soldier Field, where they are 0-3. That's because they're rolling on the road at 3-1. Only the Dallas Cowboys have a better record away from home.

"Maybe they like to be the villains," New England Patriots wide receiver Julian Edelman said. "Some guys get fired up away from home."

For Bears running back Matt Forte, the explanation is simple.

"We've played solid football when we go win on the road, and at home it's just changed for some reason," he said. "On the road, we've taken care of the football pretty well, and our defense has gotten a lot of takeaways."

Forte has been the Bears' best weapon, leading the NFL with 52 receptions and placing fifth with 448 yards rushing. Meanwhile, defensive end Willie Young is tied for the NFC lead with seven sacks.

Slowing down Patriots passer Tom Brady, who has hit his stride recently, would be a good idea for Chicago. Brady has thrown for 914 yards, and nine touchdowns with no interceptions in the last three games, all wins.

Elsewhere, it's Indianapolis at Pittsburgh, Green Bay at New Orleans, Seattle at Carolina, Baltimore at Cincinnati, Miami at Jacksonville, St. Louis at Kansas City, Houston at Tennessee, Minnesota at Tampa Bay and Buffalo at the New York Jets.

In the second of three games at Wembley Stadium, Atlanta hosts Detroit. On Monday, Washington is at Dallas.

The action began on Thursday with a terrific AFC West matchup in which Denver outscored San Diego 35-21. Peyton Manning threw for three more touchdowns, all to Emmanuel Sanders, as the Broncos improved to 6-1. Juwan Thompson had two short scoring runs. The Chargers got two touchdown catches from tight end Antonio Gates. □



Miami Dolphins quarterback Ryan Tannehill (17) is sacked by Chicago Bears defensive tackle Jeremiah Ratliff (90) during an NFL football game in Chicago. Slowing down Patriots passer Tom Brady will be a top priority for Chicago when the Bears head to Foxboro this Sunday.

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Edwards and Newman are surprises of NASCAR's Chase

JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

MARTINSVILLE, Virginia (AP)

— NASCAR's new championship format came with fan-friendly brackets that likely had fans advancing Jimmie Johnson and Dale Earnhardt Jr. deep into the playoffs.

Instead, both drivers were eliminated last week and the third round begins Sunday at Martinsville Speedway with a few surprises.

Among them? Carl Edwards and Ryan Newman, two drivers few predicted would still be eligible at this stage of the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship. Both capitalized on poor performances by Earnhardt and Johnson in the last round of the Chase to advance, and Newman really raised his game. He's led at least one lap each of the last three races and scored three top-10 finishes.

"We've been really con-

sistent — our strength has been our consistency," Newman said. "But in saying that, our last three rac-

fifth when it really matters was important to us. We'll just keep digging. Don't really care what other

and we have the ability to make the best of it."

He and Edwards go into Martinsville on Sunday

four. NASCAR will crown the champion at the Nov. 16 finale at Homestead, where the Sprint Cup will go to the highest finishing driver of the four.

Edwards has two wins this season but has been mediocre in the Chase. He squeezed through in the first round, then benefited from Earnhardt and Johnson's struggles in the second round. That doesn't matter now as the points are reset and the remaining eight drivers begin Sunday on equal ground.

"We admittedly have not been a dominant team all year, so this Chase format gives us an opportunity to be tied for the points lead with four races left. That's great," he said. "We're looking forward to the next two and hopefully advancing to Homestead, where we feel like we would have a really good shot at winning the championship." □



NASCAR driver Kurt Busch heads out of the garage after practice for Sunday's Sprint Cup Series auto race at Martinsville Speedway in Martinsville, Va., Friday, Oct. 24, 2014. Busch will get a new crew chief next week. (AP Photo/Steve Helber)

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Suarez to return in 'clasico' after WCup biting ban

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Associated Press

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — Luis Suarez's long wait is almost over. The much-maligned forward will play his first minutes for Barcelona on Saturday against Real Madrid after completing his ban for biting an opponent four months ago at the World Cup.

"(Suarez) will have some minutes for sure, how many is the million-dollar question," Barcelona coach Luis Enrique said on Friday, after having wavered on the question for most of the week in the run-up to the clasico.

"It's an important occasion for him, to play against Madrid, and make his official incorporation with the team." Suarez hasn't played an official match since biting Italy's Giorgio Chiellini in June. That earned him his third multi-game suspension for sinking his teeth into an opposing player after also biting rivals while playing for former clubs Ajax in 2010 and Liverpool in 2013.

Undeterred by his latest act of gross misconduct, Barcelona spent 97 million euros (then \$130 million) to sign the Premier League's top scorer from last season.

Suarez has been receiving therapy and said at his presentation with Barcelona in August that his biting days are behind him. He repeated that pledge on Friday.

"I think all the bad things I have been through are in the past," Suarez told The Guardian newspaper. "I believe I am on the right path now, dealing with the people who can help me, the right kind of people."

In the interview Suarez called all three biting incidents the result of a sudden "impulse."

"Everyone has different ways of defending themselves. In my case, the pressure and tension came out in that way. There are other players who react by breaking someone's leg, or smashing someone's nose across their face. What happened with Chiellini is seen as worse. I understand why biting is seen so badly." □

Federer wins, Nadal sinks in Swiss Indoors play

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BASEL, Switzerland (AP) — Teenager Borna Coric upset second-seeded Rafael Nadal in straight sets Friday to reach the semifinals of the Swiss Indoors and announce himself as one of the rising stars of tennis.

There was no such slip-up for Roger Federer as the top-seeded Swiss remained on course for his sixth title in Basel after beating fifth-seeded Grigor Dimitrov 7-6 (4), 6-2.

Nadal, who announced after the match he will have season-ending appendicitis surgery and was playing just his third tournament since Wimbledon due to a wrist injury, looked nowhere near his best while Coric was in sparkling form to win 6-2, 7-6 (4).

"It was difficult in the whole match, in the whole tournament," Nadal said. "Every day I felt more tired, I tried to practice, to get fit but it was not possible. The past four, five months have been very tough for me. It's been difficult to play and compete."

It took the 17-year-old Croatian just 35 minutes to take the opening set, after storming into a 5-0 lead to stun the crowd.

"It's an unbelievable feeling," Coric said. "I'm so proud of myself and I hope I can play the same game tomorrow."

"There was pressure but I didn't have anything to lose, because if I lose I lost to the No. 1 in the world. I never played against him so I didn't know what would happen, whether he would kill me or not."

Nadal, who made 19 un-

light.

Both saved a break point apiece to force the set into a tiebreaker. Coric racked up two match points but needed just one to seal the greatest win of his short career.

Nadal needed treatment

or tomorrow. ... I will be back at the beginning of 2015 and I will be ready for everything."

Coric next plays David Goffin after the Belgian kept up his remarkable form to beat fourth-seeded Milos Raonic of Canada 6-7 (3),



Switzerland's Roger Federer returns a ball to Bulgaria's Grigor Dimitrov during their quarterfinal match at the Swiss Indoors tennis tournament at the St. Jakobshalle in Basel, Switzerland, on Friday Oct. 24, 2014.
(AP Photo/Keystone, Georgios Kefalas)

forced errors in the first set, rallied briefly and broke Coric's serve before holding to love.

The Spaniard recovered somewhat in the second set, but Coric — ranked 124th in the world — matched his illustrious opponent shot for shot during some long rallies that had the crowd cheering in de-

for appendicitis this month in Shanghai and said he will have surgery on Nov. 3, ruling him out of next week's Paris Masters and the season-ending ATP finals in London.

"There is nothing frustrating for me in losing today," Nadal said. "I knew it was going to happen. Either today or earlier in the week

6-3, 6-4.

Federer faces Ivo Karlovic in the other semifinal after the eighth-seeded Croatian beat Benjamin Becker 6-4, 6-4.

Federer, who beat Dimitrov at the same stage last year, saved four set points in the final game of the first set and then comfortably won the tiebreaker. □

Ted Bishop out as PGA of America president

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AP Golf Writer

ST. SIMONS ISLAND, Georgia (AP) — Ted Bishop was ousted Friday as president of the PGA of America over a sexist tweet and Facebook post directed at Ian Poulter.

Bishop was irritated by remarks Poulter made in his book on the Ryder Cup captaincy of Nick Faldo in 2008 and Tom Watson this year. He referred to Poulter as "Lil Girl" on Twitter when stacking up Poulter's feats next to Faldo. In a Facebook post, he noted that Watson (with eight majors) and Faldo (with six majors and the Ryder Cup record for most points) were get-

ting "bashed" by Poulter. "Really? Sounds like a little school girl squealing during recess. C'MON MAN!" he wrote.

The PGA of America board voted Friday to remove him, meaning Bishop will not be invited to future PGA Championships and Ryder Cups, or any other courtesies extended to past presidents. He is the first PGA president to be ousted. Bishop had one month left on his two-year term.

Bishop, who has two daughters, apologized to Poulter and "anyone else I might have offended" in a statement he sent to The Associated Press.

But the head pro from Indiana went down swinging. Bishop said his fellow PGA officers asked him to resign Friday and he refused, wanting instead to apologize in person to the board and let the process run its course. "The board heard me out and then voted to impeach me," he said. "That is the due process and I respect that, as painful as it might be."

In removing Bishop as president, the PGA of America board said the remarks were inconsistent with association's policies.

"The PGA of America understands the enormous responsibility it has to lead this great game and to

enrich lives in our society through golf," PGA chief executive Pete Bevacqua said in a statement. "We must demand of ourselves that we make golf both welcoming and inclusive to all who want to experience it, and everyone at the PGA of America must lead by example."

The PGA of America has 27,000 members, about 1,100 of them women. Bevacqua said in a telephone interview that he received "a lot of negative feedback from all types of sources, internal and external." He declined to specify whether PGA female members were part of that. □

AP Sports Analysis:

All hail King James: LeBron rules NBA

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AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — His shirt soaked with champagne after winning his fourth title in 2007, Tim Duncan had one more move before celebrating further with his Spurs teammates. He pivoted in a hallway inside Quicken Loans Arena, pulled 22-year-old LeBron James close and delivered a message.

"The league is going to be yours soon," Duncan told James.

Seven years later, there's no denying the power and influence James holds over the NBA.

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Beyond being the world's most complete player, a multifaceted, once-in-a-generation megastar, James is the undisputed face of his sport. Both iconic and inspirational, James transcends the game like Michael Jordan before him.

Whether it's adding a new wrinkle to his offensive repertoire, signing a shorter contract to give himself more options or his choice of headphones, James sets standards on and off the floor. He recently passed Tiger Woods as the athlete with the top brand value, according to Forbes, with endorsements worth more than \$50 million last year alone.

"We have tons of stars in this league," Mavericks center Tyson Chandler said. "But that's another level and a different magnitude of a player."

Two months shy of his 30th birthday, James already has a lifetime's worth of accomplishments: Two-time NBA champion, four-time MVP, double Olympic gold medalist, A-list celebrity, philanthropist, businessman, husband and father. "And," Milwaukee coach Jason Kidd said with a sigh, "he's still young."

His decision this summer to return to the Cavs — revealed in a touching essay — helped Akron's favorite son win over fans who felt swindled when he signed with Miami four years ago.

By coming home, James boosted Cleveland's image and economy, turning a city already on the rebound into a sports hotspot and attractive destination for future free agents.

LeRoy Brooks, a finance professor at John Carroll University, estimates James' return will produce nearly \$500 million in revenue in the city. The

Workers at lunch spilled into the streets with joy. Grown men cried at James' heartfelt sentiments.

"To be able to affect people's lives in the greater good, I'm very humbled by that and I don't take those moments for granted," James said, reflecting on his July 11 proclamation. "Once I'm done, I'll be able to really sit back

James felt as long as he was coming home all things were possible. The team itself was a small factor.

"It was more about these fans and the city and the people here and the people who watched me grow from when I first picked up a basketball at age 8 to now at 29," he said. "The team didn't mean much."



Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James drives past Miami Heat's Danny Granger at a NBA preseason basketball game that's part of the NBA Global Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in October, 2014. (AP Photo/Felipe Dana)

Cavs sold out season tickets, bars and restaurants are expanding staff and downtown hotels are filling up with out-of-town guests for the winter, when cold winds off Lake Erie keep locals inside.

Teamed with All-Stars Kevin Love and Kyrie Irving, James and the Cavs are a must-see attraction.

"Everybody is getting a piece of him coming back," Chandler said. "Clearly, he's the big dog." And as he approaches his 12th season, James faces greater pressure than ever. Every move draws comparisons to Jordan and other legends. If he can deliver Cleveland its first pro sports title since 1964, he'll boost his argument as the game's all-time best.

The latest chapter in his campaign launched with his essay: "I'm coming home."

The words brought Cleveland to a standstill.

and say, 'Wow, that happened.' And try to enjoy some of it."

James plotted the move for some time. He kept a close eye on the Cavs from afar, publicly stating he liked their direction. He felt they were a player or two from contention. Turns out he was the missing piece. Still, James came back despite several unknowns. He had never met new Cavs coach David Blatt, a European legend hired in June. He didn't know general manager David Griffin, either. And there was no guarantee the team could bolster its roster.

There was also the rift with Cavs owner Dan Gilbert, who assailed James with a famous letter. The two met in Florida a few days before the decision, Gilbert apologized and James forgave him, preferring to talk face to face.

"You hash it out and move on," James said.

Expectations have grown after Love came in a blockbuster trade and the Cavs signed free agents Shawn Marion, Mike Miller and James Jones, a supporting cast loaded with playoff experience.

"I didn't envision our team being like this right off the bat," said James, who signed a two-year, \$42.1 million contract. "I did sacrifice the right now for the future. I felt like me coming, we could hopefully add some pieces. Obviously it happened quicker than I thought."

Once reluctant to take a strong stance on issues, James recognizes there's a larger responsibility inherent in being the league's top player. Lately, he has been more outspoken on issues like the length of the season and the NBA's TV deal.

He's embraced his role as a leader, and not just for the Cavaliers. □

LA's Steve Nash out for season with back injury

GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Los Angeles Lakers guard Steve Nash has been ruled out for the season with a back injury, putting the two-time NBA Most Valuable Player's career in doubt.

The Lakers and Nash announced their joint decision late Thursday, less than a week before the start of what would have been the 40-year-old Nash's 19th NBA season. He played in only 15 games last season with nerve root irritation, but hoped for a comeback season after several months of rehabilitation.

Instead, the Canadian point guard played in just three preseason games before feeling more back pain. He then strained his back while carrying bags several days ago.

"Being on the court this season has been my top priority, and it is disappointing to not be able to do that right now," Nash said. "I work very hard to stay healthy, and unfortunately my recent setback makes performing at full capacity difficult. I will continue to support my team during this period of rest, and will focus on my long-term health."

Nash will "focus on rest and rehabilitation," according to the team's news release. He is in the final season of his three-year contract with the Lakers, but the club's announcement made no mention of possible retirement.

Nash has played in only 65 games since the Lakers traded four draft picks for him in 2012 in a spectacularly failed attempt to assemble a title contender built around Kobe Bryant, Dwight Howard, Pau Gasol and Nash.

Nash, the NBA's oldest active player, is due more than \$9 million this season. "As disappointed as we are for ourselves and our fans, we're even more disappointed for Steve," Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak said. □

Connected Christmas: Tech Twist on Home for the Holidays

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Back in the day, a "connected Christmas" was when Mom and Dad managed to assemble Junior's train set before he woke up to open his presents. Fast-forward to 2014, when Madison Avenue is wooing shoppers to make this a connected Christmas by adding products for the connected home - a.k.a. the smart home - to their holiday shopping lists.

The growth in marketing efforts for connected-home items like thermostats, security cameras, smart lights and smoke alarms is being fueled by two factors. One is the hearty appetite among consumers for technology.

The other factor is a steady increase in the arrival of connected home gadgets on the shelves and websites of major retailers like Best Buy, Home Depot, Lowe's, Target and Wal-Mart.

The category is "definitely building," Kathie Tesija, chief merchandising and supply chain officer at Target, said in an interview this week as she and other senior executives discussed

their Christmas 2014 marketing plans. "And it's good all year long, not necessarily just for the holidays." Those hoping shoppers will

home products on its own and in a collaboration with Quirky, a startup that is a kind of social network for inventors.

large Christmas campaigns that include elements like television commercials, ads in magazines and newspapers, digital and outdoor

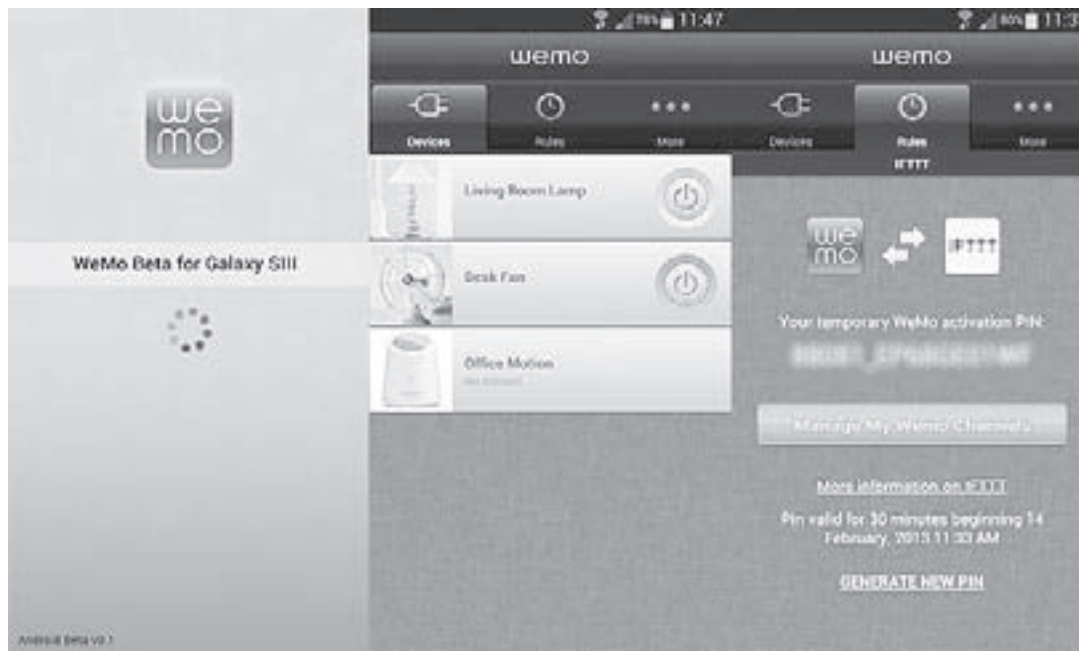
geles, and products that once interested primarily "tech types" now have a broader appeal.

"Tech types" is pretty much nearly everybody these days," he added, particularly people "who love to solve things and share those 'solves' with their friends and family."

The campaign for WeMo, with a budget estimated at \$10 million to \$15 million, will seek to establish WeMo "as a stand-alone brand," Hannon said; it has previously been marketed as Belkin WeMo.

Hannon has hired the Los Angeles office of Crispin Porter & Bogusky, part of MDC Partners, as the WeMo creative agency; other agencies working on the campaign, which carries the theme "WeMo that," include the Palisades Media Group in addition to an internal team at Belkin.

The ads will promote WeMo as a way for "you to stay connected in the moment you're in," Hannon said, adding as an example: "If you're having lunch you shouldn't have to worry about dashing home to feed your pet."



Belkin International, with its WeMo brand, are wooing shoppers to make this a connected Christmas by adding products for the connected home - a.k.a. the smart home - to their holiday shopping lists.

(Handout Photo)

sing (with apologies to Perry Como) "There's No Place Like the Connected Home for the Holidays" include venerable marketers, newcomers and partnerships that bring together both. For instance, General Electric is selling connected-

Quirky has its own products, too, as do specialists in connected-home merchandise like Belkin International, with its WeMo brand, and Nest Labs, which Google acquired this year for \$3.2 billion. Both Nest and WeMo plan

ads, sponsorships, ads in stores and content in social media.

Google's acquisition of Nest "has rapidly accelerated this market, by a year and a half," said Kieran Hannon, chief marketing officer of Belkin in Los An-

Research center to develop 2G surgical robots

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With funding from the National Science Foundation and two private donors, scientists at the University of California, Berkeley, will establish a research center intended to help develop medical robots that can perform low-level and repetitive surgical tasks, freeing doctors to concentrate on the most challenging and complex aspects of the operations they perform.

"Our goal is to help surgeons focus on the critical aspects of surgery, rather than having to perform each tedious and repetitive subtask," said Ken Goldberg, a professor of engineering at the university and a founder of the new Center for Automation and Learning for Medical Robotics.

The center's other founders are Pieter Abbeel, a professor of electrical engineering and computer science, and Sachin Patil, a post-doctoral researcher.

Some surgical tasks involving bone can be performed by robots on their own, including certain aspects of hip and knee replacement. But fully automated robotic surgery on soft tissues is beyond current technology. In May, in collaboration with surgeons at the University of California, Davis, and the Center for Robotic Surgery in Singapore, the researchers presented a paper detailing what they described as the first example of a robot automating surgical tasks involving soft tissue.

Currently the da Vinci surgical robot, developed by Intuitive Surgical of Sunnyvale, California, is

operated by surgeons at a workstation who remotely control instruments inserted through small incisions during minimally invasive procedures.

The system currently does not automate surgical tasks, but it does give doctors high levels of precision. Still, the da Vinci systems are controversial.

A series of research reports have found that some doctors are not adequately trained to use the equipment and that the machines are not superior to conventional surgery.

A surgeon who is collaborating with the Berkeley roboticists said that the shortcomings are related to lack of training and experience, rather than any fundamental shortcoming in the technology.

"There are no bad robots, there are just bad sur-

geons," said Dr. W. Douglas Boyd, a professor of surgery at the University of California Davis Health System.

Boyd, who was an early user of the da Vinci robot and the first surgeon to perform minimally invasive bypass surgery on a beating human heart, said that the fault often lay with hospital administrators who acquire medical robots for competitive purposes and neglect proper training.

Boyd and the Berkeley researchers tried a different approach:

They tried to teach a da Vinci robot to learn from a human surgeon - Boyd himself.

In a series of experiments, they "taught" the equipment to cut away small fragments of cancerous tissue on its own and to make a circular incision without human guidance, a stan-

dard training task.

The robot was able to perform the jobs with accuracy, but roughly no better than half as fast as a human surgeon.

"I think this is a small but good step toward a hard-to-reach goal of enabling us to show a robot how to do something," said Kenneth Salisbury, a Stanford University roboticist who also focuses on medical robots.

Currently 14 research groups have versions of the da Vinci robot and are sharing software and data in an effort to make them into surgical assistants.

In addition to a system donated by Intuitive and a \$3 million National Science Foundation research grant, Berkeley's new medical robotics center has been given \$200,000 in seed grants by private donors.

Wall Street has best week in nearly 2 years

KEN SWEET

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market closed out its best week in nearly two years on a positive note Friday, helped by strong quarterly earnings from Microsoft and other big U.S. companies.

After weeks of speculation over the fate of Europe's economy, Ebola fears and plunging oil prices, inves-

the market are earnings expectations and corporate fundamentals, and so far they're looking pretty good," said Michael Arone, chief investment strategist at State Street Global Advisors.

Profits for S&P 500 companies are up 5.6 percent from a year ago this earnings season, according to FactSet. That growth is better than the 4.6 percent

expectations. Cloud services, a business the company has focused on, also grew. Microsoft rose \$1.11, or 2.5 percent, to \$46.13.

UPS also reported strong results and expects December shipments to rise 11 percent from a year ago. Many investors consider UPS a bellwether for how the U.S. economy is doing, particularly during the crucial holiday shopping sea-

The Standard & Poor's 500 index added 13.76 points, or 0.7 percent, to 1,964.58 and the Nasdaq composite rose 30.92 points, or 0.7 percent, to 4,483.72.

The S&P 500 rose 4.1 percent for the week, its biggest gain since January 2013. But volatility can go both ways. Just as the market jumped sharply this week, it plunged just as sharply last week. The index is still down 0.4 percent for October.

"We've seen the market sell-off and we saw people buy on the bounce, and that looks like it will continue," said Brad McMillan, chief investment officer at Commonwealth Financial. Amazon reported a steeper-than-expected quarterly loss despite soaring sales. Investors have grown impatient with the company, which has been unable to deliver profits even as it gains ground as one of the world's largest retail companies. Amazon fell \$26.12, or 8 percent, to \$287.06.

Investors are turning their focus to next week's Federal Reserve policy meeting for hints about the future of the central bank's bond purchases and its short-term interest rates.

The bond-buying program has kept long-term rates extremely low to encourage investment and hiring. Recent mixed signals about the strength of the U.S. recovery have prompted speculation that the Fed might let the program continue for longer than previously anticipated. □



Trader Anthony Carannante, center, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The stock market closed out its best week in nearly two years on a positive note Friday, helped by strong quarterly earnings from Microsoft and other big U.S. companies.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

tors were able to get back to basics. Wall Street is in the midst of one of the busiest times of the year, when companies report their quarterly results. Ultimately what drives stock prices higher is the potential for a company to earn more, so higher profits generally mean higher stock prices. "What matters most to

increase the market was expecting.

Quarterly results from Microsoft and UPS helped lift stocks Friday, but there have been other strong reports this week. Caterpillar, 3M, Apple and others have all come in well above expectations.

Microsoft's sales and profits were well above analysts'

son. UPS rose 11 cents, or 0.1 percent, to \$100.59.

Investors were able to set aside dismal third-quarter results from Amazon. The online retailer's stock took a beating, but that wasn't enough to drag down the rest of the market.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 127.51 points, or 0.8 percent, to 16,805.41.

Chiquita reject plans to merge with Fyffes

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) —

Chiquita shareholders have rejected plans to merge with Irish fruit importer Fyffes that would have made the world's largest banana supplier. Chiquita Brands International Inc. said Friday that the shareholders didn't approve a revised transaction agreement between the two companies during a special shareholders meeting. Chiquita and Fyffes PLC have given notice to terminate their

agreement.

The proposed agreement with Fyffes was an all-stock deal, with the companies planning to incorporate in Dublin to take advantage of lower tax rates. Chiquita is now based in Charlotte, North Carolina.

On Monday proxy advisory firm Institutional Shareholder Services recommended that Chiquita investors support the Fyffes deal because it is the best option for shareholders. ISS had previously said

shareholders should vote against the deal because Chiquita might get a better offer elsewhere.

Chiquita President and CEO Edward Lonergan said in a statement that while the company was convinced Fyffes would have been a strong merger partner, the companies "will now go forward as competitors."

Chiquita said it now expects to enter talks with investment firm Safra Group and juice company Cu-

trale Group on their competing offer of \$14.50 per share in cash, or \$681 million. Chiquita received the latest bid from the pair on Wednesday after previously rejecting buyout offers from the two Brazilian companies. The prior offer from Safra and Cutrale was \$14 per share. They had bid \$13 per share in August.

Shares of Chiquita added 49 cents, or 3.6 percent, to \$14.25 in morning trading. □

STREET BRIEFS

Sweden's Volvo profits rise amid mixed markets

STOCKHOLM (AP) —

Swedish truck maker AB Volvo says net profit in the third quarter rose slightly to 1.6 billion kronor (\$220 million) in a mixed economic environment. The Goteborg-based company said Friday the figure for July-September was up from 1.4 billion kronor in the same period last year. Volvo, which also makes buses, engines and construction equipment, said sales grew slightly from last year to 67.2 million kronor (\$9.2 million). CEO Olof Persson said in a statement the heavy-duty trucks forecast for 2015 will be the same as in 2014 in Europe, Japan and China, but on a higher level in North America and India and lower in Brazil. □

Germany's BASF warns on profits and shares drop

BERLIN (AP) —

Chemical and oil company BASF is warning that its profits will come in below its previous forecast in the wake of slower global economic growth and industrial production. Shares in BASF SE dropped 2.4 percent to 69.34 euros (\$87.70) in Frankfurt trading Friday after the company revised its forecast. BASF upheld its target of a slight increase in pretax earnings this year but said that "from today's point of view" it no longer expects to reach its previous 2015 forecast of 80 billion euros in revenue and 14 billion euros in pretax profit. It says it now expects those figures to be "in line with market expectations" — in the case of pretax profit that means somewhere between 10 and 12 billion euros. □

Ford profit falls in third quarter on truck costs

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AP Auto Writer

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) —

Ford's new aluminum-sided F-150 will be a lot lighter and more efficient when it goes on sale later this year. But for now it's a serious drag on profits.

Net income dropped 34 percent to \$835 million in the third quarter, largely due to the cost of launching the pickup. The new F-150, which is 700 pounds lighter due to its aluminum construction, is scheduled to go on sale by the end of

this year.

Ford has repeatedly warned investors that this year would be difficult financially. It's launching a record 23 vehicles worldwide, including the F-150 and the new Mustang sports car that went on sale during the third quarter. It's also building five plants in Asia and launching the luxury Lincoln brand in China. Yet, investors keep showing signs of nervousness over the pickup truck gamble. After hitting a high of \$17.84 in July, Ford's shares have

steadily declined. After the earnings report, the shares were down 4.3 percent to \$13.77 in midday trading.

The F-Series has been the best-selling vehicle in the U.S. for 30 years; changing its body from steel to aluminum could be a game-changer for the industry, but it could also hurt Ford's reputation — and profits — if the new material causes quality problems or doesn't meet buyers' expectations. Morgan Stanley analyst Adam Jonas estimates the F-Series accounts for 90

percent of Ford's global automotive profits.

Chief Financial Officer Bob Shanks acknowledged that in the short term, Ford won't be making the kinds of margins it usually sees on its pickups. The Dearborn and Kansas City plants won't be fully operational until the second quarter of 2015, he said, and margins historically improve over the life of the truck.

But Ford CEO Mark Fields downplayed concerns, saying the company remains on track to start sell-

ing the truck by the end of this year.

"Launches are a complex thing, but we are absolutely on plan with the launch and it is progressing well," he said. "We're exactly where we expected to be at this point."

Ford also cut back on current F-150 sales in order to preserve inventories while it readies the new truck. That hurt pretax profits in North America, which fell 39 percent to \$1.4 billion. Sales in the region dropped 8 percent.

UPS expects double-digit surge in Dec shipments

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AP Business Writer

DALLAS (AP) — UPS might levy surcharges or even turn away some holiday shipments this year if retailers surprise the delivery giant by dropping off more packages than they had planned.

UPS executives discussed the possibilities Friday as they detailed plans for improving on last holiday season, when many consumers didn't get their packages by Christmas as promised. Online shopping is growing faster than the store-based kind. That's good for United Parcel Service Inc. and FedEx Corp., and on Friday, UPS predicted that December shipments will rise 11 percent over the same month last year.

Atlanta-based UPS offered the forecast while reporting that third-quarter net income rose 11 percent to \$1.21 billion, or \$1.32 per

share, beating Wall Street expectations of \$1.28 per share. Revenue was \$14.29 billion, topping analysts'

forecast of \$14.20 billion, according to FactSet.

In afternoon trading, UPS shares rose 25 cents to

\$100.73.

The delivery companies have learned that with the opportunity presented by

online shopping, there are also challenges. Last year, a surge in late orders overwhelmed them and resulted in an estimated 2 million express packages missing their Christmas Eve delivery deadlines. About 1.3 million of those were UPS packages, according to tracking-software firm ShipMatrix Inc., which said the retailers were at fault about 70 percent of the time for overpromising on last-minute guaranteed deliveries.

UPS has spent the year bulking up facilities and technology, and talking to retailers to better predict shipping volumes this holiday season. On Friday, the president of U.S. operations for UPS, Myron Gray, said that if retailers exceed their shipping quotas, UPS might "mute what they are giving to us." The company's chief commercial officer, Alan Gershenhorn, said there could be surcharges.



United Parcel Service driver Marty Thompson, left, gets a signature from Celine Akyildiz while making a delivery to Joseph and Friends Lifestyle Salon and Spa in Cumming, Ga. UPS reported quarterly financial results on Friday, Oct. 24, 2014.

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Procter & Gamble plans to remove its batteries

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AP Business Writers

NEW YORK (AP) — Procter & Gamble plans to remove its batteries and make Duracell a stand-alone company. The world's largest consumer products maker, which acquired Duracell in 2005, has been trimming its product lineup to focus on its top performers. After it finishes jettisoning more than half its brands around

the globe over the next year or two, P&G said it will be left with about 70 to 80 brands. If a split-off of Duracell occurs, P&G said its shareholders would have the option of exchanging some, none or all of their P&G shares for shares of the new Duracell company.

Jon Moeller, the company's chief financial officer, said during a call with reporters that Duracell is an "attractive" business that

generates about \$2 billion a year in sales. But he said P&G wants to focus on products that are "even more attractive."

P&G also makes Tide detergent, Pampers diapers and Olay skin care.

The Procter & Gamble Co., based in Cincinnati, said Friday it prefers a spinoff of Duracell, but that it's considering a sale or other options for Duracell.

The decision to sell or dis-

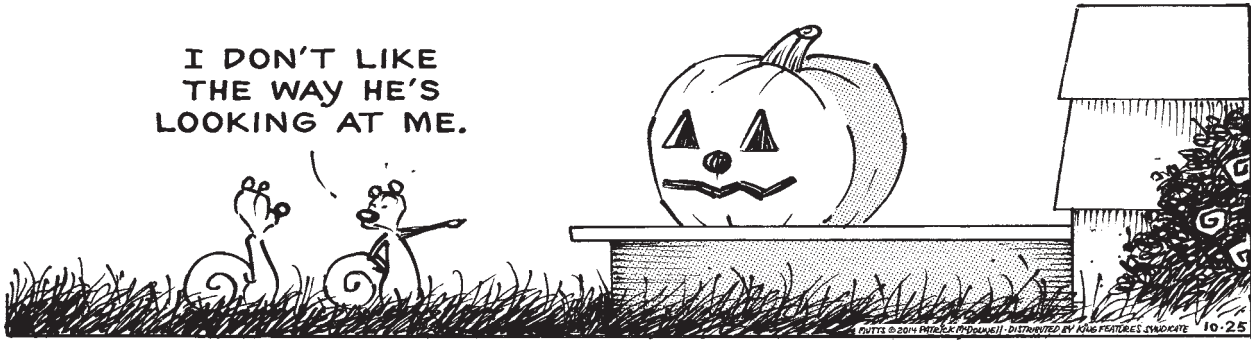
continue 90 to 100 brands — many of them smaller, regional products — comes as Procter & Gamble fights to boost sluggish sales. In the latest quarter, for instance, the company said sales volume declined in its beauty, hair and personal care unit. Volume also fell in its grooming unit, with blades and razors declining in developed markets.

Under pressure to boost its performance, the compa-

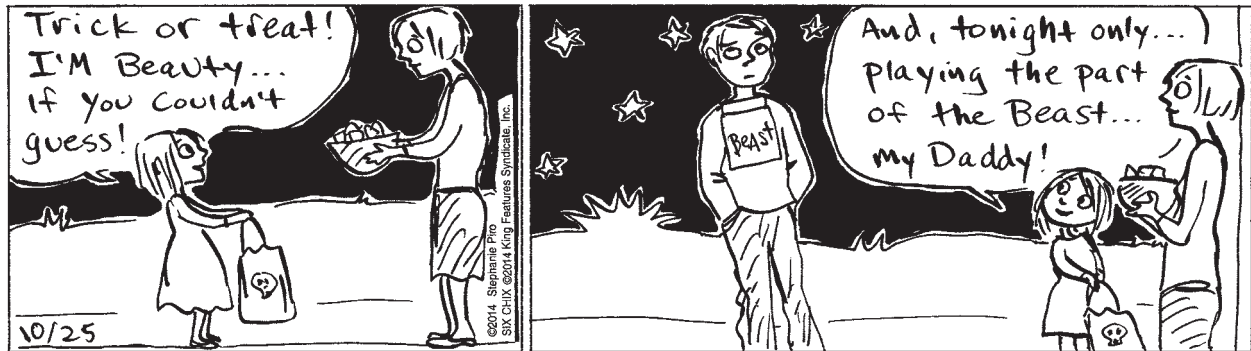
ny brought back A.G. Lafley as its CEO last year.

Lafley has said the company's expansive portfolio is the result of a natural evolution of multinational companies, which have a tendency to create or acquire brands over time. But P&G had already been trying to slim down in recent years, including the sale of food brands including Jif peanut butter, Folgers coffee and Pringles chips.

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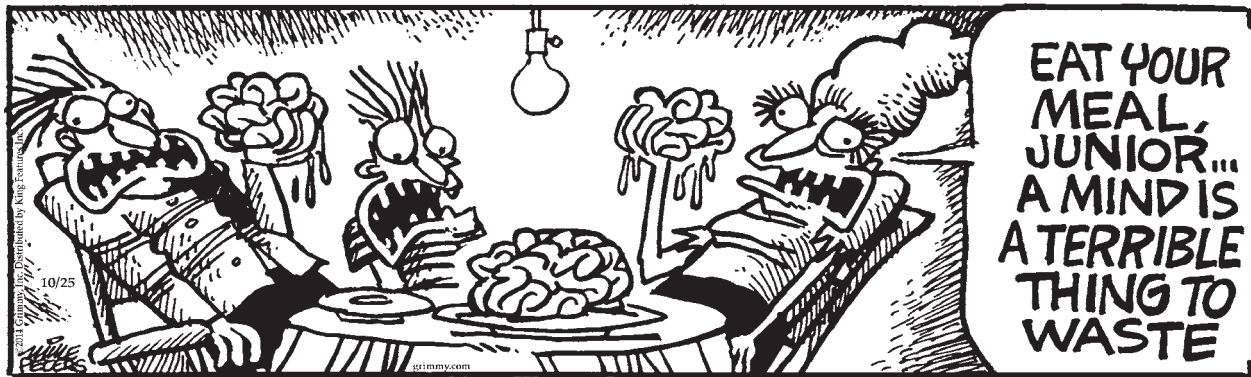
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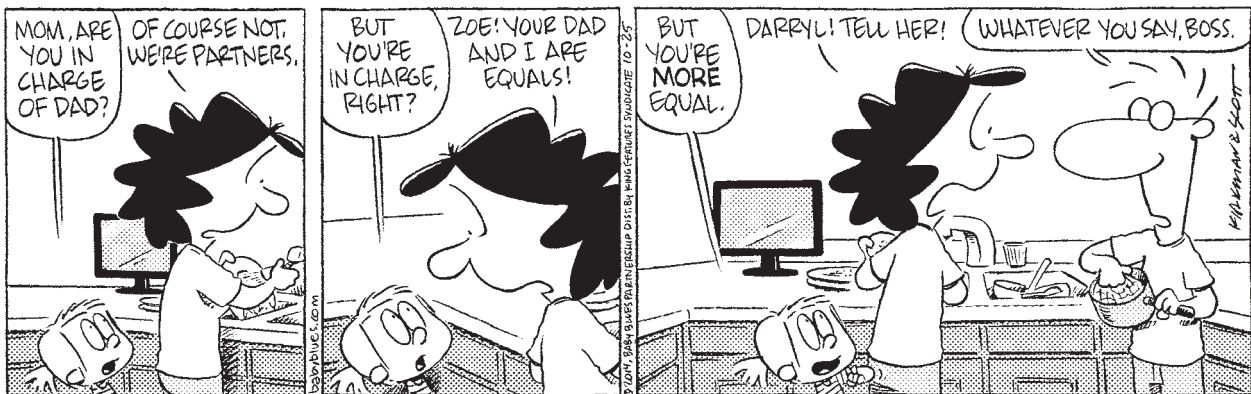
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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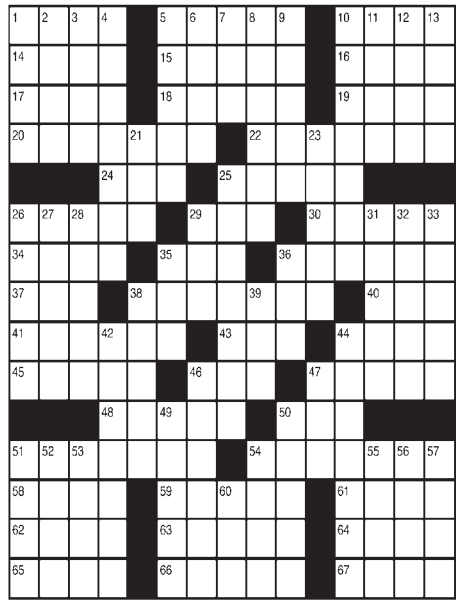
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- Can wrapper
- Argument
- Provo's state
- Met production
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- Like fast food
- Doctrine
- Appeal; request
- Outside faucets
- Most orderly
- Martian's craft, for short
- Sicker
- Incline
- Mandible
- Postage __; 49¢ item
- Attila's men
- Peach stone
- Keep bothering
- Traveler's stop
- King Arthur's court
- Commotion
- Oakland athlete
- Film critic Reed
- Extended family group
- Cornered
- Buzzing insect
- Actress Berry
- Stinky
- Capture
- Long steps
- Doomed ship
- Golf club
- Copy machine
- City in Nevada
- Commanded
- Sudden and sharp, as pain
- Consumes
- Ran fast
- Lively horse
- Fox-__; ballroom dance

DOWN

- Sticks out
- Perched upon
- Three kings of biblical fame
- Japanese military leaders
- Game often run by the state
- Relinquished
- Actor Majors
- Gave a word's meaning
- Liza Minnelli hit
- Cut in two
- Sombrero, e.g.
- Austin's state
- Vetoed
- Bro and sis
- Pitfall
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Friday's Puzzle Solved

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Darth Vader, leader of Ukraine's Internet Party, surrounded by guards passes by a shop in Kiev, Ukraine. Vader, who had his name legally changed by deed poll, is campaigning for the Oct. 26 parliamentary elections on a platform of promoting e-government and increasing financial transparency.

(AP Photo/Efrem Lukatsky)

Darth Vader hopes force with him in Ukraine polls

PETER LEONARD

Associated Press
KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — One candidate in Ukraine's parliamentary elections hopes to bring voters to the dark side: Darth Alekseyevich Vader.

Dressed in full Star Wars regalia, Vader prowls the streets of Kiev atop his black campaign van wooing voters with promises to turn Ukraine into a "galactic empire." So serious is he about his mission that he even legally changed his name to Darth Vader ahead of the elections (He was previously known as Viktor Shevchenko.)

The electrician-turned-interplanetary warlord insists his Internet Party is serious business.

Speaking to The Associated Press on his van, flanked by Stormtroopers and shrouded in white fumes, Vader explained that his top goal is to computerize all government business.

"When I get to parliament, I will expel all the deputies. They have proven their uselessness," he said. "Computers will work in their place and they will fulfil their functions without cease."

Pollsters predict the party, which also includes a Stepan Chewbacca on its list, has little chance of getting into parliament in Sunday's vote. Still, the public greets Vader enthusiastically when he drives around the capital atop his van — which he refers to as "my helicopter."

Despite his pledge to enhance transparency, Vader declines to ever show his own face. That got him banned from voting in May presidential elections by punctilious electoral commission workers who said he was violating voting rules. Vader is not shying away from the thornier issues.

To the ominous backdrop of the Imperial March theme from Star Wars, he thundered from the top of his van that he would win the war against separatist rebels in the east — even as he withdrew government troops. And he vowed to reclaim the Crimean Peninsula, which was annexed by Russia in March.

How will he achieve these feats?

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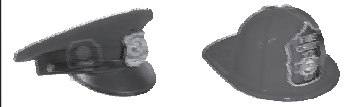
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Remains of French ship being reassembled in Texas

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AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A frigate carrying French colonists to the New World that sank in a storm off the Texas coast more than 300 years ago is being reassembled into a display that archeologists hope will let people walk over the hull and feel like they are on the ship's deck.

The 1686 wreck of the 54-foot oak frigate La Belle — in an expedition led by famed Mississippi River explorer Rene-Robert Cavelier Sieur de La Salle — is blamed for dooming France's further exploration of what would become Texas and the American Southwest.

But La Salle's short-lived Fort St. Louis near the shipwreck site in Matagorda Bay, about 100 miles southwest of present-day Houston, also convinced Spain to boost its presence in the region to ward off a feared French territorial expansion. "In a very real way, it's responsible for our Hispanic heritage we have today," said Jim Bruseth, curator of the La Belle project at the Bullock Texas State History Museum.

"They had nobody here, and it started the process of settling Texas. "History oftentimes turns on seemingly small events," Bruseth said. "We have

that actual ship, the remains of it here, that's the icon of that event."

Beginning Saturday, visitors

to the Austin museum will be able to watch Bruseth and other archaeologists put the wrecked ship back

together and talk with them as they work. The reassembly is expected to be complete by spring.

"It's going to be a lot of fun. It's like a dinosaur, big and dynamic and magnetic," said Peter Fix, one of the assembly team members and chief conservator for Texas A&M University's Center for Maritime Archaeology and Conservation. "Once we get the framing up it's going to look like a big beached whale, a bone carcass. And that's dynamic and hopefully it will pique curiosity."

The keel and other large structural pieces of La Belle — resembling old railroad ties — were discovered in 1995 by Texas Historical Commission archaeologists. Researchers built a dam around the site, pumped it dry, then retrieved the nearly intact hull that had been preserved in up to 6 feet of mud. □



Roman numerals mark a timber from the 54-foot oak French frigate La Belle at the Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin, Texas. Archaeologists are beginning to reassemble the remains of the ship recovered more than 300 years after the vessel was lost in a storm off the coast of Texas. (AP Photo/Eric Gay)

China launches experimental moon orbiter

BEIJING (AP) — China launched an experimental spacecraft on Friday to fly around the moon and back to Earth in preparation for the country's first unmanned return trip to the lunar surface.

The eight-day program is a test run for a 2017 mission that aims to have a Chinese spacecraft land on the moon, retrieve samples and return to Earth. That



An unmanned spacecraft is launched atop an advanced Long March 3C rocket from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center in southwest China's Sichuan Province, Friday, Oct. 24, 2014. China launched an experimental spacecraft Friday to fly around the moon and back to Earth in preparation for the country's first unmanned return trip to the lunar surface. (AP Photo)

Defense reported, according to the official Xinhua News Agency. China's lunar exploration program, named Chang'e after a mythical goddess, has already launched a pair of orbiting lunar probes and last year landed a craft on the moon with a rover on-board. None of those missions were programmed to return to Earth.

China has also hinted at a possible crewed mission to the moon at a future date if officials decide to combine the human spaceflight and lunar exploration programs.

Xinhua said the latest mission is to "obtain experimental data and validate re-entry technologies such as guidance, navigation and control, heat shield and trajectory design" for the future moonlander christened Chang'e 5. □



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would make burgeoning space power China only the third country after the United States and Russia to have carried out such a mission.

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Xichang satellite launch center early in the morning, separated from its carrier rocket and entered Earth orbit shortly after, the State Administration of Science, Technology and Industry for National

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Beauty pageant regular and reality show star Alana "Honey Boo Boo" Thompson speaks during an interview as her mother, June Shannon, looks on in her home in McIntyre, Ga. On Friday, Oct. 24, 2014, the TLC network canceled the "Here Comes Honey Boo Boo" series, following published reports that Shannon was in a relationship with a man who had a criminal past. (AP Photo/John Bazemore)

TLC cancels 'Honey Boo Boo'

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AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The TLC network on Friday canceled its colorful series about child beauty pageant contestant Honey Boo Boo and her Georgia family.

The network had already completed filming of another season of "Here Comes Honey Boo Boo" and was set to begin airing it at the end of this year.

TLC wouldn't publicly cite a reason for the cancellation, but said in a statement that "supporting the health and welfare of these remarkable children is our only priority. TLC is faithfully committed to the children's ongoing comfort and well-being."

The cancellation came after published reports that June Shannon was dating a man with a criminal past. June Shannon posted what she called a "truth video" on the Alana Thompson (Honey Boo Boo) fan page Friday morning denying the allegations. In the video, Shannon said she learned from TLC on Friday that the show would no longer be produced, adding that TLC had told her to be "hush-hush" about the situation.

"The statement of me dating a sex offender is totally untrue. Pumpkin (the nickname for the man she is reported to have dated) has openly said that I did not date him," Shannon said

in the nearly three-minute video which had more than 5,800 "likes" and more than 1,100 "shares" from the page's 1.1 million fans within two hours after it was posted.

"I would not ever, ever, ever put my kids in danger. ... That is my past. I have not seen that person in 10 years.

The series' star was Alana "Honey Boo Boo" Thompson, one of four daughters of June Shannon from rural McIntyre, Georgia. "Honey Boo Boo" earned her own series after attracting attention in the TLC show "Toddlers & Tiaras," and is known for coining catchphrases like "a dolla makes me holla." She's 9 years old.

"Here Comes Honey Boo Boo" was such a fast hit for TLC that two years ago, the network ordered Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas specials surrounding the family. Viewership has fallen off sharply since then, but it still averaged 1.5 million viewers for its most recent season this summer and remains one of TLC's most popular shows.

TLC is discussing ways to support the children following the cancellation, such as providing tutoring or counseling, said an executive at the network who spoke on condition of anonymity because the network didn't want to publicly discuss those plans. □

Disney:

Robot film a love letter to Japan

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Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — Disney executives call their next film "a love letter to Japanese culture." No wonder: This nation can't get enough of animation, especially Disney's.

Walt Disney Animation Studios is practically bending backward to woo Japanese moviegoers after the stupendous success of "Frozen." The fifth-highest-grossing movie of all time made more than \$250 million of its total in Japan alone, nearly a third of its overseas numbers and more than five times what it made in France, according to Box Office Mojo.

"Frozen" is third of all time in Japan, behind "Titanic" and Japanese animation classic "Spirited Away," delivering success that even Disney executives acknowledge was surprising.

Tokyo Film Festival on Thursday night — the first Disney animation film to have its global premiere in Japan. It opens at theaters around the world in November and December.

Its directors, Don Hall of "Winnie the Pooh" and Chris Williams of "Bolt," did a lot of research and tapped Japanese sources to help make San Francisco authentic, down to signposts, manhole covers and faces of passersby. Williams said the world they created was inspired by Hayao Miyazaki, the animation legend who won an Oscar for "Spirited Away."

Hall said the mouth-less face of Baymax, the inflatable marshmallow-like robot, was inspired by a bell he saw at a Japanese temple.

"I saw a smile," Hall told reporters recently while in town for the Tokyo Film Festival.

tions to devote Baymax to healing and cuddling, Hiro adds some of his own more conventional robotic-design touches, such as a powerful fist, metallic ware and sky-soaring rockets, as Hiro embarks on his mission of solving the mystery of Tadashi's death.

It's a safe bet that Japanese are enamored of all things Disney — and that they are willing to spend. Disneyland and DisneySea parks, outside Tokyo, had 31 million visitors last year, up 14 percent from the previous year, nearly all Japanese. Each spent an average of about \$100, or 10,000 yen, on admission tickets, eating out and goods purchases.

Mickey Mouse is so popular here the rodent's image is sold as traditional festival dolls, is a mascot wearing the blue uniform of the World Cup soccer team and is a familiar pattern



U.S. producer Roy Conli, left, and directors, Don Hall, second from left, and Chris Williams, right, of the film "Big Hero 6," attend a press conference to promote their animation film starring Baymax, the inflatable marshmallow-like robot, seen in the background, in Tokyo. (AP Photo/Eugene Hoshiko)

Following "Frozen" into theaters in the country that is the birthplace of manga and Hello Kitty is "Big Hero 6," which stars a Japanese whiz kid as its hero, aptly named Hiro.

Disney shows its love for Japan by setting the story in a picturesque town that's a cross between Tokyo and San Francisco, San Francisco, complete with cable cars and futuristic trains.

"Big Hero 6" opened the

festival. "I thought it would be the perfect face for Baymax."

The rubbery Baymax, designed to be a health care robot by Hiro's older brother Tadashi, becomes a companion for Hiro, and an embodiment not only of Tadashi's charming and loving persona but also of his message of peace, even after Tadashi dies in an explosion.

Despite Tadashi's inten-

on fashionable clothing in collaboration with design brands.

But can the new film duplicate the success of "Frozen"? It might take a super-Hiro.

"Big Hero 6" features fantastic music by Henry Jackman but not a potential smash single like "Let It Go." It also lacks fairy-tale princesses, which were a big part of the "Frozen" merchandising frenzy. □

Q&A:

Anna Kendrick on modeling, movies and music

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Anna Kendrick is in the holiday spirit.

"I want it to be Christmas already! I just want to throw a soiree," the bubbly actress said during a recent interview.

Kendrick certainly looked the part, wearing a red, sleeveless party dress with a big, silk bow on the back. The outfit from Kate Spade New York's holiday collection is featured in the company's upcoming advertising campaign starring Kendrick. But don't call the 29-year-old a model.

"If I had for one moment considered it modeling, I probably would've had a freakout," she said.

Instead, Kendrick approached the photo shoot like a film role and got into character by discussing back stories with older male models on the set.

"Weirdly it felt a lot more like my day job than it did like modeling," she said, adding "eww!" with a grimace as she spit out the M-word.

Along with the ads, Kendrick teamed with the brand for its 2015 "The Year of Adventure" campaign where she will collaborate on film and social media projects. In a recent interview, Kendrick discussed her foray into fashion, having a Cinderella moment in "Into the Woods" (due out at Christmas) and her next big ad-

venture.

AP: What's it like being a spokesmodel?

Kendrick: Kate Spade has really embraced me being me, which is great because it would be a lot harder to

and that was the first shot that we did that day. And just playing with my male models for the day was so much fun, just sort of twirling around in this white dress.

with Kate Spade while playing Cinderella in Disney's "Into the Woods." What was it like balancing those worlds?

Kendrick: Well, these clothes are a lot more com-



Anna Kendrick poses for a portrait at Chateau Marmont during an interview in West Hollywood, Calif. Kendrick is in the holiday spirit. Her red, sleeveless party dress is from Kate Spade New York's holiday collection is featured in the company's upcoming advertising campaign starring Kendrick. Along with the ads, Kendrick teamed with the brand for their 2015 "The Year of Adventure" campaign where she will collaborate on film and social media projects.

(Photo by Casey Curry/Invision/AP)

not be. So you know I'm glad that they don't mind a little quirk and a little sass. AP: Did you have a favorite look from the holiday campaign?

Kendrick: I think my favorite was this white swing dress that shows off your shoulders and has this beautiful embellished collar. That was just really fun to be in

AP: Where do you get your sense of style?

Kendrick: (My mom) was always a fan of just really elegant, sophisticated pieces. I mean we grew up in Maine, so we didn't have a lot of call for black tie or anything, but I think I definitely got that sensibility from her.

AP: You starting working

fortable because (costume designer) Colleen Atwood is a genius, but she does not care if you can't breathe. ... The costumes in that movie are so exquisite and they're completely authentic. ... It's lots of layers and somebody had to help me get dressed every morning because you can't do up a corset yourself. □

Jenny McCarthy brings her brand to the airwaves

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NEW YORK (AP) — For those who wonder if that so-called "honeymoon period" for a newly married couple is real, look no further than TV-radio personality Jenny McCarthy and actor-singer Donnie Wahlberg. The two wed in late August and have no problem in the PDA department. Wahlberg recently sat in the room as McCarthy spoke to press for her new SiriusXM radio show "Dirty, Sexy, Funny".

"We go to each other's jobs to spend time with each other," said McCarthy. (Wahlberg shoots the CBS cop drama "Blue Bloods" in New York.) In between interviews, the two kiss, speak softly to one another or McCarthy sits on his lap.

As for her work life, that's great too, says McCarthy.

"Dirty Sexy Funny" is a brand McCarthy created to give female comedians "the opportunity to shine." There's been a tour, a TV special and now this radio show.

It began as a limited weekly summer run and is now a daily live radio show, airing 10 a.m. to noon EDT.

McCarthy, who has made a living off her personality appearing on her own short-lived VH1 show and as a panelist on "The View" says radio seems to be the right career move for right now.

"I always thought I needed to be in front of the camera but I had no idea of the freedom that I'm allowed with talk radio," she said.

McCarthy says she's spent years trying to find the gig best suited to her personality.

"I've been in holding deals since I was 23, network after network trying to fit me in," she says. "They'd pay me money to sit and wait for them to write a show and no one could quite figure out how to write a character for me. Because I realized I really liked myself as the best character."

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Queen sends her first tweet, signed 'Elizabeth R'

LONDON (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II has sent her first tweet — though she kept things traditional, signing off with "Elizabeth R."

The 88-year-old monarch tried her hand at Twitter as she opened a new gallery Friday in central London's Science Museum, taking off a glove to press a tablet screen as 600 guests looked on. The message, "I hope people will enjoy visiting" the exhibition, was sent instantly through the official British monarchy ac-

count on the social media website.

"Elizabeth R" is how the queen signs official documents. The "R" stands for "regina," the Latin for queen. Officials said the message came "personally" from the queen herself, although some eyebrows were raised about whether that was the case.

The message appeared to be typed ahead of time, and bizarrely appears to have been sent using the Twitter for iPhone app, even

though video showed the queen was using an iPad or a similar tablet device. Officials wouldn't say if the queen personally wrote the message or comment on the electronic discrepancy. "We're not going to go into the details," a Buckingham Palace spokesman said. The queen does not have a personal Twitter account. Most members of the royal family do not tweet personally — they are represented by official accounts managed by spokespeople.

There are exceptions: Prince Andrew — the queen's second son — and his daughter Princess Beatrice both tweet in a personal capacity.

The Science Museum gallery, called "Information Age," explores the technological breakthroughs that have changed communication.

In 1976, the queen was the first monarch to send an email, doing so when the technology was in its infancy. □

Capitalism's Suffocating Music



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Onstage before thousands of fans, Sam Smith sang "Stay With Me," beseeching his partner in a one-night stand for a few minutes more, and I half wondered if the two of them needed the extra time to finish bottles of Miller Lite, because a printed plug for the beer hovered over his head. Performing "Summertime Sadness," Lana Del Rey told a lover to "kiss me hard before you go." Would she be texting him later with a Samsung Galaxy, the smartphone for which the stage on which she appeared was visibly named?

And while I'd never thought about any car in connection with the musicians in the band Interpol, I came to picture them caroming from gig to gig in a Civic or an Accord. "Honda" floated over them as they gave their concert.

For every stage, a different sponsor. Behind every beat, a different brand.

This happened in early October. I was at the Austin City Limits Music Festival, and I was at the limits of my patience. I hadn't expected all of these corporate come-ons, so pervasive in other precincts, to be assaulting me here of all places.

"Keep Austin Weird" is the Texas capital's unofficial slogan, a clue to its proudly subversive soul. And a gathering of bare-armed, bare-legged lovers of song and smokers of pot on a gigantic field brings to mind Woodstock, not Austin Ventures, which provides financing to startups, and RetailMeNot, which distributes discount coupons. Those firms, too, were sponsors of stages.

Someone shoved a free sample of Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal at me on my way in. Someone else handed out free beer cozies advertising Imperial, a brew on sale at the event. Plastered all over the place were posters for "Not That Kind of Girl," the new memoir by a certain "Girls" creator. The festival had been misnamed. This was Lenapalooza.

I kept thinking of another writer, David Foster Wallace. His novel "Infinite Jest," published in 1996, imagines a tomorrow in which time itself is auctioned off to the highest bidder and the calendar becomes a billboard. There's the "Year of the Whopper," the "Year of the Whisper-Quiet May-

tag Dishmaster" and even the "Year of the Tucks Medicated Pad" - a 12-month paean to posterior discomfort, 52 weeks in honor of hemorrhoids.

Is that future so far off? While recording devices have liberated many of us from commercials on television, the rest of our lives are awash in ads. They're now nestled among the trailers at movies. They flicker on the screens in taxis.

They're woven so thoroughly into sporting events, from NASCAR races to basketball games, that it's hard to imagine an era when they weren't omnipresent. But in a story earlier this year on the website Consumerist, Chris Moran reported that 20 years ago, only one of the Major League Baseball stadiums had a corporate moniker, Busch Stadium in St. Louis.

In contrast, 20 of the 30 stadiums now have sponsors.

It's the same with football, maybe worse. On the weekend after I got back from Austin, I went to watch the New York Jets play, and within five minutes of my arrival at MetLife Stadium, I was confronted with all sorts of sub-sponsors. Near the Verizon gate, I spotted a VIP section called the Hertz suites and saw signs that identified JetBlue as the official airline of the team, Toyota as its official vehicle and the Microsoft Surface as the official tablet of the NFL. I resolved to check out the restrooms for an official toilet paper. (Note to Cottonelle: I did, and there's an unclaimed opportunity for you, if you can beat Charmin to the punch.)

Inside the stadium, the Verizon scoreboard was not to be confused with the Bud Light scoreboard or the Pepsi scoreboard. When Americans talk about how crass contemporary life can seem, this advertising onslaught is part of what they're reacting to.

And their growing chilliness toward corporations and sense of capitalism run amok aren't just about the salaries of chief executives and the tax dodges in play. They're about the way hucksterism invades everything, scooping up everyone.

Matthew McConaughey is at his career's summit, with a recent Oscar for "Dallas Buyers Club" and a splendid performance in "Interstellar" (to be released next month), and what's he doing with this clout? He's putting it behind the wheel of a Lincoln and peddling luxury cars the way Beyoncé has pushed Pepsi all these years.

Sellers keep finding new, willing vessels for their logos everywhere they turn. Will we someday travel from San Francisco to Northern California across the Golden Gate Bridge, for a hike in the Wells Fargo Redwood Forest?

It's a vendor's world. We're just pawns in it, even when all we want to do is hum a simple tune. □



A World Without OPEC?



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Forty-one years ago this month, the Arab oil embargo began. The countries that were part of it belonged, of course, to the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries - OPEC - which had banded together 13 years earlier to strengthen their ability to negotiate with international oil companies. The embargo led to widespread shortages in the United States, higher prices at the gas pump and long lines at gas stations. By the time it ended, the price of oil had risen to \$12 a barrel from \$3.

Perhaps more important than the price increases themselves was the new world order the embargo signaled. The embargo "set in motion geopolitical circumstances that eventually allowed (OPEC) to wrest control over global oil production and pricing from the giant international oil companies - ushering in an era of significantly higher oil prices," as Amy Myers Jaffe and Ed Morse noted in an article in Foreign Policy magazine that was published last year at the 40th anniversary. Twice a year, OPEC's oil ministers would meet in Vienna, where they would set oil policy - deciding to either hold back or increase oil production. There was always cheating among members, but there was usually enough discipline in the

ranks to keep prices more or less where OPEC wanted them.

As it happens, the title of that Foreign Policy article was, "The End of OPEC." Jaffe and Morse are both global energy experts - she is the executive director of Energy and Sustainability at the University of California, Davis, and he is the global head of commodities research at Citigroup - who say that if America plays its cards right, OPEC's dominance over the oil market could be over. I think that day may have already arrived.

"OPEC is not going to survive another 50 years," Morse told me. "It probably won't even survive another 10. It has become extremely difficult for them to forge an agreement."

When Morse and Jaffe wrote their article last year, the price of oil was more than \$100 a barrel. Today, the per-barrel price is in the low- to mid-\$80s. It has dropped more than 25 percent since June.

There was a time when \$80 a barrel would have been more than satisfactory for OPEC members, but those days are long gone. Venezuela's budgetary needs requires that it sell its oil at well above \$100 a barrel.

The Arab Spring prompted a number of important OPEC members - including Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates - to increase budgetary spending to keep their own populations quiescent. According to the International Monetary Fund, the United Arab Emirates needs a price of more than \$80 to meet its budgetary obligations. That's up from less than \$25 a barrel in 2008.

Not long ago, Venezuela asked for an emergency OPEC meeting to discuss decreasing production. Iran has said that such a meeting is unnecessary. Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia has made it clear that it is primarily concerned with not losing market share, so it will continue to pump out oil regardless of

the needs of other OPEC members. This is not exactly cartel-like behavior. The next OPEC meeting is scheduled for late November, but there is little likelihood of an agreement.

And why does OPEC suddenly find itself in such disarray? Simply put, the supply of oil is greater than the demand, and OPEC has lost its ability to control the supply. Part of the reason is a slowdown in global demand. China's economy has slowed, and so has its voracious appetite for oil. Japan, meanwhile, is increasingly turning to natural gas and nuclear power.

But an even bigger part of the reason is that the shale revolution in North America is utterly changing the supply-demand dynamic. Since 2008, says Bernard Weinstein, an energy expert at Southern Methodist University, oil production in the United States is up 60 percent. That's an additional 3 million barrels a day. Within a few years, predicts Morse, America will overtake Russia and Saudi Arabia and become the world's largest oil producer.

What's more, according to another article Morse wrote, this one for Foreign Affairs magazine, "the costs of finding and producing oil and gas in shale and tight rock formations are steadily going down and will drop even more in the years to come." In other words, the American energy industry might well be able to withstand further price drops easier than OPEC members.

When I got Jaffe on the phone, I asked her if she thought OPEC was a spent force. "You can never say never," she replied, and then laid out a few dire scenarios - mostly revolving around oil fields being bombed or attacked - that might make supply scarce again. But barring that, this is a moment we've long been waiting for. Thanks to the shale revolution, OPEC has become a paper tiger. □

Good Barolo Comes to Those Who Wait

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By most accounts, 2010 was an outstanding year for Barolo. Based on the wine panel's recent tasting of 20 bottles from the vintage, I have no reason to disagree.

We found many wonderful wines in our small but representative sample. But the tasting raised questions about who will be drinking wines like these and whether many of the bottles will be allowed to reach their full potential.

The conventional wisdom nowadays is that most people are unwilling or unable to age wines for long periods of time. They no longer have the money, the storage or the patience to wait years. Nor do most res-

taurants. As a result, many wines are made differently today than they were 30 to 40 years ago, partly so that

enjoyable.

But Barolo, made entirely of the nebbiolo grape, still demands years in the cellar. In



A wine panel tasting of the 2010 Barolo in New York. Many wines are made differently today than they were 30 or 40 years ago, partly so that they will not require prolonged aging to become enjoyable, but the Barolo still demands years in the cellar.

(Tony Cenicola/The New York Times)

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its youth, it is classically tannic and austere, but given

time - often a decade or more - the tannins soften, releasing a gorgeous perfume and flavors often described as licorice, tar, truffles, violets and roses. Back in the 1980s and '90s, a stylistic war ensued between traditionalists who sought to preserve time-honored methods for making Barolo and innovators who explored way to make a softer, more approachable wine, sometimes at the cost of what made Barolo distinctive.

In the last 15 years, many producers have gravitated toward a middle ground, making wines in a range of styles that are still distinctively Barolo. Regardless of style, one thing is clear: Good Barolos still require many years of aging, at least to my taste. The 1996 vintage was a classic, and I still don't think the best are ready, though the wines from softer years like 2000, or excellent, less austere years like 2001 and 2004, can already be enjoyed.

Yet most restaurants, unless they have exceptional wine lists and the wherewithal to invest for the long term, cannot wait years for a return on their Barolo investment. Often, today, you see Barolos five to seven years old on lists.

These 2010s are not nearly ready for drinking. The best are structured wines, with layers of complex aromas and flavors, but they will need time to evolve, maybe a decade or more. That will require quite the investment of patience and space - and, for those of us who may be approaching an actuarial precipice, optimism. How will restaurants handle such a vintage?

"We have the luxury of storage," said Juliette Pope, wine director at Gramercy Tavern, one of two guests who joined Florence Fabricant and me for the tasting. Grant Reynolds, our second guest, the wine director at Charlie Bird, said restaurants can adapt to serving younger Barolos.

"I don't mind abrasive tannin," he said. "It's the nature of the wines. But you have to have the right food

with it."

If you have the patience and taste for structured Barolo, these wines offer much to be thrilled about. They follow classic lines, already showing beautiful aromas of red fruit in some cases but austere and backward on the palate.

Among our sample we found few wines spoiled by the aromas and flavors of new oak, a signature of Barolo innovators who traded in the traditional large storage vessels made of Slavonian oak, which were reused year after year, for new barriques, small barrels of French oak. These barrels imparted aromas of coffee, chocolate and vanilla, along with the bitter flavors of oak tannins. Today many producers continue to use barriques, but they are smarter about it, using more older, neutral barrels that don't inflict aromas and flavors on the wine.

Barolos are not cheap by any means, though not nearly as expensive as other benchmark wines like Bordeaux and Burgundy. Still, hype for the 2010 vintage seems sure to drive prices up. The wine panel operates with a cap of \$100 a bottle, which eliminated some producers from consideration, while other top Barolos have not yet been released. So some of the greatest names, like Giacomo Conterno, Giuseppe Rinaldi, Giuseppe Mascarello, Cappellano and Bartolo Mascarello, were not in our tasting.

Nonetheless, we found many excellent wines, beginning with our No. 1 from Elio Altare, complex, structured, pure and nuanced. Altare has been foremost among the innovators in Barolo, often cited as a contrasting figure to the arch-traditionalist Bartolo Mascarello (the two producers were paradoxically good friends). But, even though our taste on the panel runs toward the traditionalists, we all loved this wine, which seemed classically shaped with no evidence of aromas or flavors from barriques.

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